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Staff Writer

At the start of the coming fall semester, Mary Washington College will find the familiar faces of three well-known, respected professors missing from campus.

Marshall Bowen, distinguished professor of geography, Rosemary Ingham, theatre director of costume and design, and Key Ryang, professor of history, will all be retiring at the end of this semester.

Bowen said he feels very excited about all the free time that he will have once he has retired.

When asked what he was planning on doing he eagerly answered, "Sleeping! Taking some serious naps. I've taught here for 85 years!"

Officially, this will be the end of Bowen's 36th year of teaching at Mary Washington College.

"I really want to enjoy old age. I don't want to wait until I'm too old to enjoy it," Bowen said.

With his newly found free time, Bowen plans to travel, visiting places like Los Angeles and the Yukon Territory. He will also be doing extensive writing and research for the Idaho Historical Society. However, Bowen's face will not completely disappear from Mary Washington College's campus yet because he has agreed to teach one section of geography of eastern North America next semester.

"I do want to stick around for a little bit longer with that one course, and perhaps teach it again the year after that. But we'll wait and see how things go," Bowen said.

Though originally from Providence, R.I., Bowen feels that his roots are now firmly grounded in Fredericksburg. "We have no plans at the moment of moving anywhere," Bowen said. "My wife is very happy here in the geography department, and unless some amazing opportunity arises for her, we are pretty much grounded in Fredericksburg."

Dawn Bowen, assistant professor of geography, believes her husband's retirement will be a loss to the campus community.

"He has been an integral part of the geography department for more than 30 years and will be sorely missed by students and colleagues alike," she said.

However, Dawn Bowen also said she is excited for her husband's future plans.

"He wants to pursue his research on dryland settlement in the American West, however, he will be back to teach one section of the North American course," Dawn Bowen said.

Junior geography major Corinne Compton said she will fondly miss Marshall Bowen's classes.

"Marshall really brought the material to life for me. He tells a story in his classes, not just dry facts. He is so easy to follow and has never once lost my attention," Compton said. "The geography department is really going to have tough shoes to fill with him leaving."

The theatre department will be missing another talented, committed professor as well. At the conclusion

of her 11th year at Mary Washington College, Rosemary Ingham is retiring from teaching in order to return to her true love of costume design.

Ingham said she has enjoyed her years at Mary Washington College immensely, and she speaks adamantly about her faith in the liberal arts system.

"I have a real commitment to the liberal arts education," Ingham said. "I fear our world is turning into a society of specialists, and I want to fight that the hardest I can fight it."

After retirement, Ingham plans to travel to Utah for the Utah Shakespearean Festival where she will be involved in research for costume design for four months. She also has plans to travel abroad, and China is her number one destination choice. She looks forward to taking time to write and revise a book that is already in progress. In the meantime, Ingham has her hands full with the work that she will be doing as director of Mary Washington College's upcoming performances of "Falling Grace."

Many students on campus have a strong reaction to Ingham leaving.

"Rosemary is the type of woman you look at and think 'That's what I want to be like when I grow up.' She's strong, intelligent, worldly, talented, considerate. The list goes on and on," said theatre major Jen Moss, a junior. "I feel fortunate I came to MWC when I did so that I could work under the instruction and guidance of this phenomenal woman."

Ingham is playfully nicknamed Yoda by her students, because of her love for knowledge and her passion for art.

However, students aren't the only ones who will miss Ingham.

"Rosemary is a multi-talented educator and her retirement will leave a void in our department for quite some time," said David Hunt, associate professor of theatre. "She has built an almost 'cult following' of students who will miss her dearly."

The history department will also be losing a highly respected professor after this semester. After 33 years of teaching, Key Ryang will be leaving



Ryan Hamm/Bullet

Marshall Bowen, who has taught at the college for 36 years, is one of three professors retiring after this semester.

Mary Washington College to spend time working on research involving the dynasties of China as well as studying modern Korean history. He said that he will definitely miss teaching, but agrees with Marshall Bowen that he wants to get out while he still has time for himself.

"I love MWC but it's time to leave," Ryang said. "The quality of students here is great and I have good relationships with people in the department."

Ryang plans to stay in Fredericksburg but, like Ingham, has plans to travel abroad with his wife.

Dana Angell, a junior, said she remembers how much she learned in Ryang's history classes.

"He is a very friendly man, he cares about his students and he's interested in progress and extends his relationship with them outside the classroom," Angell said. "He'll most definitely be missed around the department."

Drew Lectures About Politics

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Looking ahead, she talked about Republican Sen. John McCain's continued campaign finance reform efforts and said that next month's Senate debate on the issue should be "interesting."

Farnsworth reiterated Drew's repeated suggestion that citizens contact their representatives.

"Elizabeth Drew's call to action is an important lesson for all of us. If we want a ban on soft money, if we want the kinds of reforms that John McCain has proposed, then we need to let our lawmakers know," he said.

Drew's final remarks gained the loudest applause of the evening.

"[As citizens] I want you to remember one thing: The nature and quality of our political life in this country, cannot be simply left to the politicians," Drew said.

"The issue is the ever-growing amount of money that politicians have to raise..."

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Stephen Farnsworth, who organized the event, listens to Drew lecture.

Ask the Question Marquis

Q: Dear Question Marquis: My sister's boyfriend broke up with her over a year ago. But his voice is still on her answering machine. Should I tell her how pathetic this is? — Stephen in Annapolis

A: My advice here is going like this: It is not a problem, it is an opportunity. There is no truer friend of passion than the vulnerable rejected lover. You must simply play your cards correctly. I recommend a subtle approach to win her trust. Perhaps you can tell her about Questia. About how much more free time she will have when she's writing research papers if she does the research online. Free time that the two of you could use, je ne sais pas, get to know each other better? If you know what I...wait— you said your sister's boyfriend? This is a terrible misunderstanding. I have got to stop skimming these questions.

Q: Dear Question Marquis: I am very interested in Questia. Could you please give me some more information about its exciting features? — TW in Houston

A: Zut alors! I think my employer has slipped this one in. But just by chance this is not how the case is, I will answer it briefly. Questia will have an extensive scholarly collection, and the full text of each book and journal article is all online. You just enter your topic and then you can instantly search through any book. And many of the author's own sources are, how you say, "hyperlinked." So you can follow the writer's train of thought, if you like. Also, quotes, footnotes and bibliographies are all done automatically. And, in a few months, Questia can be used to more efficiently groom racehorses. Or such is my understanding. That may be confidential information, so don't go gossiping it about like a bunch of Montesquieu's concubines. Now I wish I hadn't told you.

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Q: Dear Question Marquis: Well...why did you tell us? In both of your answers, you could have corrected your mistakes by using the delete key.

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Feb. 16—A student in Alvey Hall was charged with possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute, according to college police. During a fire drill, a resident assistant allegedly found the marijuana in the student's room. The student has been referred to the administration.

Feb. 20—Junior Matthew Sheridan, 20, was arrested at a basketball game for drunk in public and underage possession of alcohol in Goolrick

Hall. Sheridan was approached by a police after allegedly running onto the court. A court date has been set for March 15.

Feb. 22—A student was found in the George Washington parking lot behind George Washington Hall pulling a handicapped parking sign out of the ground. The student was charged with destruction of state property and college property, although there was no damage to the sign. The case has been turned over to administration.

Feb. 24—Grand Larceny occurred in the Lee Hall Ballroom when a two-and-a-half foot tall Italian marble column valued at \$1,000 was stolen. The column was one of three columns in the decoration scheme for the Historic Preservation Club's Victorian Ball which was to be held the next day. The case is under investigation.



Kristen Barnum, Senate Welfare Committee co-chair, and Rick Pearce, assistant vice president for business and finance, discuss mailroom problems.

Additional Campus Boxes To Reduce Mailroom Clutter

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"What's happened over the years is we've gotten more students and no more boxes, so we've gotten several really bad situations where we have four [students] in a box in some cases," Taylor said.

Taylor said the drawback of adding more mailboxes is that some existing students will have their address changed when they are moved to the new mailboxes. Because the current crowding and delayed mail pickup problems by boxes are so bad, the post office is insisting on moving current students to new mailboxes rather than allocating the new mailboxes to incoming freshmen.

"The only way we can straighten this out and start using these 50 boxes is to do some reassignment," Taylor said. "We always tell students when they come, 'you will have the same box for four years,' but obviously we've got to do something here."

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"We only ascertain whether you are a residential or commuter when you first come here, so by the time you're a junior or a senior, if you've moved off campus, we still classify you as residential," Taylor said. "So because of this situation, things have gotten all screwed up."

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Winslow has played a large part in making the group more active in the community.

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Heather Bishop, a sophomore, said she recognizes the club's growth through the adoption.

"It shows how far we've come as a club," Bishop said.

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All the complaints are valid. But, these complaints need to be addressed by the SGA—something that is not currently happening.

If students don't know anything about the candidates and don't think it really matters who wins because SGA has no power, then why should anyone other than the candidates and their friends bother to vote?

Much of the blame for these problems falls on the candidates themselves. None of the candidates gave good reasons why anyone should vote for them. None outlined specific proposals they want enacted, other than vague promises to get the job done and make life happy for students. If the only difference between the candidates are their names and what positions they've previously held in SGA, it's no wonder students don't care about the election.

The lack of interest on this campus in SGA elections is probably most evident by taking a look at the field of candidates. Of the nine SGA Executive Cabinet positions open, only two were contested, those for SGA president and vice president.

One candidate in a contested race complained that her opponent, and the victor in the race for SGA president, did not take the campaign seriously because he spent the day of the election standing on the Palmieri Plaza fountain dressed as an M&M. Instead, the candidate who thinks she took the race seriously wore a student Senate shirt and had a friend walk around with a poster urging students to vote for her. When no one is talking about issues, voting for the blatant over the bland is an obvious choice.

SGA officials say they work very hard, but people still think the group is ineffective. The claim is probably true. But just because those involved in SGA work hard doesn't mean they're getting anything done. If they are getting anything done, they need to work a little harder letting everyone know what they've done and what they want to do in the future. Until that happens, the perception that the group is nothing but a bunch of resume builders who get nothing accomplished isn't going to go away.

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Professor Shares 'Other Side' Of Reagan Presidency

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It is rare for a faculty member to enter into public debate with a colleague in his/her own department and I have debated the pros and cons of such an action. I recognize that refuting a colleague's remarks in public may be viewed as un-collegial.

However, I have decided that the comments ("Professor To Reagan: Thank You," Feb. 8) made by my colleague, Tom Moeller, on the occasion of former President Ronald Reagan's 90th birthday could not stand without a response.

Many of today's college students were not born at the time Ronald Reagan took office as the 40th President in January 1981, and so the knowledge they have of his presidency is based on what they read. After having read Tom's essay, I became concerned with the one-sided picture he presented, and I believe that the "other

side" of the Reagan presidency had to be addressed.

I think what is most critical about the Reagan presidency was the increased shift toward establishing this nation's military superiority at the expense of improving the lives of the poorest in America, and the middle class.

Under his administration, the defense outlay in 1981 was \$158 billion, or 51 percent of the budget, and the discretionary budget for domestic programs was \$136 billion, or 44 percent of the budget. In Reagan's last year in office, the defense budget had

risen to \$291 billion, which represented 62 percent of the budget, while domestic spending rose to \$158 billion and represented only 34 percent of the budget.

The significant shift in budget allocations represents the priorities of the Reagan presidency. It is no accident that under his watch the United States invaded Grenada, supported death squads in El Salvador and secretly exchanged arms for money with Iran in order to support the right-wing Contras in Nicaragua.

The investigation into this illegal activity led to charges against 14 members of the Reagan administration. As the final report of the Independent Counsel of the Iran/Contra matter stated, "Eleven persons were convicted, but two convictions were overturned on appeal. Two persons were pardoned before trial and one case was

dismissed when the Bush Administration declined to declassify information necessary for trial. On Dec. 24, 1992, President Bush pardoned Casper W. Weinberger, Duane R. Clarridge, Clair E. George, Elliot Abrams, Alan D. Fiers Jr. and Robert C. McFarlane."

It is these and other priorities under the Reagan administration that must be examined. When Ronald Reagan took office, the national debt was \$1.02 trillion and climbed to over \$2.65 trillion in his last year in office. The Reagan tax cut resulted in the burgeoning debt incurred during his administration and did nothing to reduce the poverty rate in our society. During President Reagan's first year in office, the poverty rate in the United States was 13.8 percent, and in 1983 had climbed to 15 percent, the highest level since the 1960s. At the end of his eight years in office, the poverty rate hovered around 13.2 percent. Today, the poverty rate is 12.6 percent.

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Although Reagan was the oldest president to be sworn into office, his domestic policies failed to increase the benefits for the elderly.

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It's All In The Genes: 'Ruby Tuesday,' Religion, Art, Worms

RYAN ZDANOWICZ
Guest Columnist

One of the cover stories on Feb. 11's Washington Post was about the remarkable information being learned from the human genome. Did you know that humans have only twice the number of genes as that of a worm or a house fly? Makes you wonder how much higher in the evolutionary ladder we really are. Maybe not as high as we thought.

We have also inherited many of our genes from bacteria. Most notably the gene linked to depression. The 23 pairs of chromosomes create three

billion letters of genetic coding. Of all that genetic information, all humans share 99.9 percent. Never realized how much you have in common with other people, hub?

So what is it that makes people distinct from animals, and more importantly from each other? What is that 0.1 percent of coding that makes us who we are?

There is an amazing amount of variety created by that little difference in genetic information. What name can we give to the wonderful, horrible, beautiful, precious, fragile, and unbelievable human condition? We cannot.

We simply are who we are. It is one of those things that

everyone understands and yet cannot name.

I guess Melanie Safka explained it best in her song, "Goodbye Ruby Tuesday." Just listen to the lyrics: "Goodbye Ruby Tuesday. Who is gonna hang a name on you, and when you change with every new day. Still I'm gonna miss you."

Perhaps that is why art is so popular. It captures our humanity in all its shapes and sizes into something that we do not have to define. We can just appreciate art for what it is. Art doesn't need a definition because it portrays something we cannot define.

We are marvelous creatures that are almost genetically identical. You may understand

that in any way you want. It might be the result of divine creation, evolutionary perfection, or an evolutionary mishap. Who knows.

The point is that you should believe whatever makes you feel comfortable. Pick a comfortable belief, but also a useful one. You're going to need it.

Regardless of what you choose to believe about where our genetic uniqueness came from, it is important to see it for what it is. We are so much more than what are we are unlike.

Try to remember that is something beyond what we see. It doesn't matter what race, religion, ethnicity or even socioeconomic background a

person has because you are at least 99.9 percent the same as that person.

That means that their is very little difference between you and I from a 20-year-old Mongolian or Somalian or Costa Rican. We're so similarly built that we're practically family. The same applies to you and I. That might change the way people treat each other.

If everyone you meet is like family, think of how much better our human relations would be. That takes care of racism, sexism and any other kind of prejudices. Maybe we could finally get beyond petty differences, and enjoy each others' company and conversation.

Ryan Zdanowicz is a sophomore.



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Letters to the Editor

Dissection In Biology: An Ethical Requirement?

Editor:

I applaud Lawton J. Clites for the article "Morality of Fetal Pig Dissection Questioned," in the Feb. 15 Bullet. It is about time someone spoke up about the useless practices of a nation that has technology by the you-know-what but still relies on cavenian research to learn about our fellow beings. I was appalled to learn dissection was still taking place and that it is a requirement. I would have spoken about this issue, but I was unaware of it because I did not take biology at the college.

I opted out of dissection, not of pig by the way, at the junior college I attended before coming to MWC. This is a liberal arts college—which is supposed to mean that one learns about a plethora of different subjects on your own merit. Cannot one learn the biology

of a pig in ways other than dissection? The organs are obviously not moving or beating and therefore the sense of it all is not the common type.

I do not see why dissecting the actual fetus is necessary for learning. I think some professors in the biology department, or maybe the administration, are missing the big picture: people have different beliefs, ethics and morals and as a paying students, need those accommodated.

The same people whose grades are being hurt because they don't want to dissect fetal pigs are paying a portion of professors' salaries. Anyone interested in trying to get an alternative in place for future students, e-mail me at nwatk3cx@mwc.edu. We will try and figure something out. Heck, it most likely will save the college money.

Nick Watkins
Senior

Double Standards With Military Policies

Editor:

Six young Italian soldiers taking part in NATO's operations in Yugoslavia have died of leukemia and the Italian government is demanding an investigation of the use of depleted uranium.

Belgian, French, Spanish and other European NATO soldiers have also contracted the disease. I guess no one cares how many Yugoslavs will die of various cancers or pass horrible birth defects on to their children.

I am surprised that U.S. media covered this story. For ten years Iraqis have died by the thousands of cancers associated with radiation and Iraqi children have been born with birth defects, and the idea that it was caused

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Police Beat

By RYAN HAMM
News Editor

Feb. 15—Fredericksburg resident Jerome Allen Cameron, 45, was arrested and charged with obstruction of justice and reckless driving in the Park and Shop parking lot across Route 1 from the college. After allegedly cutting off a Mary Washington College police on the corner of Thornton Street and College Avenue, Cameron was followed to the parking lot where police say he refused arrest and was sprayed with pepper spray.

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"I can understand that feeling may be out there, but I think it's important to step back and look at the larger picture and not become too absorbed in one small point that may distort the overall picture," Anderson said.

While Anderson said he knows the increase in his salary was drastic, he does not regret it.

"I will not go so far as to say I'm willing to give some back to you or feel sorry," Anderson said. "I personally think it's justified."

It got to the point the other presidents used to routinely tease me...

President Anderson

"I don't think it's a political club's job to [adopt a highway]. It doesn't make sense if, by adopting about eight-tenths of a mile stretch of a street [to clean up], to make them some type of environmentalist," Frick said. "You have to look at the bigger picture."

Winslow said he thinks the College Republicans are doing more to help the community than other campus political groups.

"If College Democrats and College Greens were so concerned with the environment, they would come up with their own plan to help clean and preserve the Fredericksburg community instead of making light of a real results oriented effort," Winslow said.

Winslow has played a large part in making the group more active in the community.

"When I got here as a freshman, the College Republicans were not very active," Winslow said.

Heather Bishop, a sophomore, said she recognizes the club's growth through the adoption.

"It shows how far we've come as a club," Bishop said.

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If It's Broke, Fix It

After Wednesday's Student Government Association election, many in the SGA lamented the low voter turnout, a perception among students that the SGA is ineffective, and students not being informed about the election.

All the complaints are valid. But, these complaints need to be addressed by the SGA—something that is not currently happening.

If students don't know anything about the candidates and don't think it really matters who wins because SGA has no power, then why should anyone other than the candidates and their friends bother to vote?

Much of the blame for these problems falls on the candidates themselves. None of the candidates gave good reasons why anyone should vote for them. None outlined specific proposals they want enacted, other than vague promises to get the job done and make life happy for students. If the only difference between the candidates are their names and what positions they've previously held in SGA, it's no wonder students don't care about the election.

The lack of interest on this campus in SGA elections is probably most evident by taking a look at the field of candidates. Of the nine SGA Executive Cabinet positions open, only two were contested, those for SGA president and vice president.

One candidate in a contested race complained that her opponent, and the victor in the race for SGA president, did not take the campaign seriously because he spent the day of the election standing on the Palmieri Plaza fountain dressed as an M&M. Instead, the candidate who thinks she took the race seriously wore a student Senate shirt and had a friend walk around with a poster urging students to vote for her. When no one is talking about issues, voting for the blatant over the bland is an obvious choice.

SGA officials say they work very hard, but people still think the group is ineffective. The claim is probably true. But just because those involved in SGA work hard doesn't mean they're getting anything done. If they are getting anything done, they need to work a little harder letting everyone know what they've done and what they want to do in the future. Until that happens, the perception that the group is nothing but a bunch of resume builders who get nothing accomplished isn't going to go away.

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Professor Shares 'Other Side' Of Reagan Presidency

DENIS NISSIM-SABAT

Guest Columnist

It is rare for a faculty member to enter into public debate with a colleague in his/her own department and I have debated the pros and cons of such an action. I recognize that refuting a colleague's remarks in public may be viewed as un-collegial.

However, I have decided that the comments ("Professor To Reagan: Thank You," Feb. 8) made by my colleague, Tom Moeller, on the occasion of former President Ronald Reagan's 90th birthday could not stand without a response.

Many of today's college students were not born at the time Ronald Reagan took office as the 40th President in January 1981, and so the knowledge they have of his presidency is based on what they read. After having read Tom's essay, I became concerned with the one-sided picture he presented, and I believe that the "other

side" of the Reagan presidency had to be addressed.

I think what is most critical about the Reagan presidency was the increased shift toward establishing this nation's military superiority at the expense of improving the lives of the poorest in America, and the middle class.

Under his administration, the defense outlay in 1981 was \$1.58 billion, or 51 percent of the budget, and the discretionary budget for domestic programs was \$136 billion, or 44 percent of the budget. In Reagan's last year in office, the defense budget had

risen to \$291 billion, which represented 62 percent of the budget, while domestic spending rose to \$158 billion and represented only 34 percent of the budget.

The significant shift in budget allocations represents the priorities of the Reagan presidency. It is no accident that under his watch the United States invaded Grenada, supported death squads in El Salvador and secretly exchanged arms for money with Iran in order to support the right-wing Contras in Nicaragua.

The investigation into this illegal activity led to charges against 14 members of the Reagan administration. As the final report of the Iran/Contra matter stated, "Eleven persons were convicted, but two convictions were overturned on appeal. Two persons were pardoned before trial and one case was

dismissed when the Bush Administration declined to declassify information necessary for trial. On Dec. 24, 1992, President Bush pardoned Casper W. Weinberger, Duane R. Clarridge, Clair E. George, Elliot Abrams, Alan D. Fiers Jr. and Robert C. McFarlane."

It is these and other priorities under the Reagan administration that must be examined. When Ronald Reagan took office, the national debt was \$1.02 trillion and climbed to over \$2.65 trillion in his last year in office. The Reagan tax cut resulted in the burgeoning debt incurred during his administration and did nothing to reduce the poverty rate in our society. During President Reagan's first year in office, the poverty rate in the United States was 13.8 percent, and in 1983 had climbed to 15 percent, the highest level since the 1960s. At the end of his eight years in office, the poverty rate hovered around 13.2%. Today, the poverty rate is 12.6 percent.

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Although Reagan was the oldest president to be sworn into office, his domestic policies failed to increase the benefits for the elderly.

Denis Nissim-Sabat

It's All In The Genes: 'Ruby Tuesday,' Religion, Art, Worms

RYAN ZDANOWICZ

Guest Columnist

One of the cover stories on Feb. 11's Washington Post was about the remarkable information being learned from the human genome. Did you know that humans have only twice the number of genes as that of a worm or a house fly? Makes you wonder how much higher in the evolutionary ladder we really are. Maybe not as high as we thought. We have also inherited many of our genes from bacteria. Most notably the gene linked to depression. The 23 pairs of chromosome create three

billion letters of genetic coding. Of all that genetic information, all humans share 99.9 percent. Never realized how much you have in common with other people, huh?

So what is it that makes people distinct from animals, and more importantly from each other? What is it that in that 0.1 percent of coding that makes us who we are?

There is an amazing amount of variety created by that little difference in genetic information. What name can we give to the wonderful, horrible, beautiful, precious, fragile, and unbelievable human condition? We cannot.

We simply are who we are. It is one of those things that

everyone understands and yet cannot name.

I guess Melanie Safka explained it best in her song, "Goodbye Ruby Tuesday." Just listen to the lyrics: "Goodbye Ruby Tuesday. Who is gonna hang a name on you, and when you change with every new day. Still I'm gonna miss you."

Perhaps that is why art is so popular. It captures our humanity in all its shapes and sizes into something that we do not have to define. We can just appreciate art for what it is. Art doesn't need a definition because it portrays something we cannot define.

We are marvelous creatures that are almost genetically identical. You may understand

that in any way you want. It might be the result of divine creation, evolutionary perfection, or an evolutionary mishap. Who knows.

The point is that you should believe whatever makes you feel comfortable. Pick a comfortable belief, but also a useful one. You're going to need it.

Regardless of what you choose to believe about where our genetic uniqueness came from, it is important to see it for what it is. We are so much more than we are unlike.

Try to remember that their is something beyond what we see. It doesn't matter what race, religion, ethnicity or even socioeconomic background a

person has because you are at least 99.9 percent the same as that person.

That means that their is very little difference between you and I from a 20-year-old Mongolian or Somali or Costa Rican. We're so similarly built that we're practically family. The same applies to you and I. That might change the way people treat each other.

If everyone you meet is like family, think of how much better our human relations would be. That takes care of racism, sexism and any other kind of prejudices. Maybe we could finally get beyond petty differences, and enjoy each others' company and conversation.

Ryan Zdanowicz is a sophomore.



Letters to the Editor

Dissection In Biology: An Ethical Requirement?

Editor:

I applaud Lawton J. Clites for the article "Morality of Fetal Pig Dissection Questioned," in the Feb. 15 Bullet. It is about time someone spoke up about the useless practices of a nation that has technology by the you-know-what but still relies on cavenian research to learn about our fellow beings. I was appalled to learn dissection was still taking place and that it is a requirement. I would have spoken about this issue, but I was unaware of it because I did not take biology at the college.

I opted out of dissection, not of pig by the way, at the junior college I attended before coming to MWC. This is a liberal arts college—which is supposed to mean that one learns about a plethora of different subjects on your own merit. Cannot one learn the biology

of a pig in ways other than dissection? The organs are obviously not moving or beating and therefore the sense of it all is not the common type.

I do not see why dissecting the actual fetus is necessary for learning. I think some professors in the biology department, or maybe the administration, are missing the big picture: people have different beliefs, ethics and morals and as a paying students, need those accommodated.

The same people whose grades are being hurt because they don't want to dissect fetal pigs are paying a portion of professors' salaries. Anyone interested in trying to get an alternative in place for future students, e-mail me at nwatk3cx@mwc.edu. We will try and figure something out. Heck, it most likely will save the college money.

Nick Watkins
Senior

Double Standards With Military Policies

Editor:

Six young Italian soldiers taking part in NATO's operations in Yugoslavia have died of leukemia and the Italian government is demanding an investigation of the use of depleted uranium.

Belgian, French, Spanish and other European NATO soldiers have also contracted the disease. I guess no one cares how many Yugoslavs will die of various cancers or pass horrible birth defects on to their children.

I am surprised that U.S. media covered this story. For ten years Iraqis have died by the thousands of cancers associated with radiation and Iraqi children have been born with birth defects, and the idea that it was caused

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Bullet Letter and Editorial

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to an anonymous donation to COAR for \$268



to prisoners only working on campus when students aren't here to enjoy them



to snow—especially when the college cancels class because of it



to S-Club-7 for cheesy lyrics and bad acting



to Dennis Hastert for being able to stand up and sit down so much for George W.



to the Russell hall elevator stopping between floors

in the stars

Aquarius - You will be given the opportunity to move into new territory and explore some very fascinating subject matter. Many new possibilities now spring into view.

Pisces - Relationships on both a business and a romantic level will improve considerably this week.

Aries - You will be given the ability to use the power of your imagination to get where you need to go. See clearly what you would like to happen.

Taurus - You have a great chance to get a new perspective on a current plan or project. Romance looks very promising, if you can go about it in a more subtle way.

Gemini - It may be difficult for you to work out just how much you should say concerning a certain subject.

Cancer - You have a wonderful opportunity ahead of you, but it does need careful handling, and also the ability to tune into your gut instincts.

Leo - You will be able to make use of your creative genius and to channel this into something very positive. This is also a good week for all kinds of relationships, especially the romantic sort.

Virgo - You sometimes have a tendency to ignore ideas, which, although inspiring have never really been put to the test. This week, you will see the promise in one particular idea.

Libra - This is a great week for making progress with anything artistic. Things may not be as they seem, so take it easy.

Scorpio - Relationships could improve immeasurably this week if you take the trouble to create the right kind of atmosphere. Business matters will benefit from sensitive and careful handling.

Sagittarius - You may find it difficult to know just how far to go in planning an exciting new project.

Capricorn - You have come across a seeming dead end, you would do better not to try and get through this by trying every conceivable method to move forward.

Where's The Beef...Coming From?



Jermaine Alton (left) and Wanda Jones scrub down pots and pans in the Seacobeck Hall kitchen.

Sarah Lucas/Bullet

Sliced, Diced And Spiced: Seacobeck Serves It Up

By SARAH LUCAS

Assistant Features Editor

The ceiling of Seacobeck's basement still holds the tracks used 50 years ago to bring both sides of meat into the building. The slabs of half cattle and full steer once transported and stored on hooks are now moved in smaller chunks and sealed in plastic.

Though students may never see the innards of Seacobeck, this is the work station of Executive Chef Kyle Mayette and staff when preparing approximately 2,200 meals each weekday.

Mike Greenfield, general manager of Seacobeck, said it has a regular meal cycle that repeats every two weeks and changes every semester. The selection of meals depends largely on feedback from students.

"[The menu] truly is primarily driven by what the popular items are," Greenfield said.

According to Greenfield, about 65 percent of Seacobeck's food comes from Cyclo of Virginia in Harrisonburg, the largest food distribution company in the country.

Cyclo delivers food about three times a week. Two bakeries, Ottenberg's Bakery and Flower's Bakery, deliver every day except Wednesday.

Produce comes from Baker Brothers Produce in Richmond and Four Seasons Produce in Ashland. Both produce companies deliver every day of the week.

Pepsi delivers all the sodas and other drinks.

Once the food arrives, it takes more than 30 cooks to prepare the meals that students eat every day.

These include two executive chefs, sous chefs, who are second in command to executive chefs, those who prepare the raw ingredients and bakers.

The chefs work in shifts, some arriving as early as 5:30 a.m. to start preparing breakfast.

Preparation for lunch starts at about 7 a.m. and preparation for dinner starts at 11 a.m. The last shift leaves at about 8:30 p.m.

The meals are usually finished no more than 15 minutes before the students start filing in.

"As soon as the first customer walks in, it's a matter of minutes after the food is put on the lines," Greenfield said.

According to Mayette, everything is cooked in small batches, rather than having one large batch for the whole meal.

"That ensures the freshness in the product," Mayette said.

Seacobeck tries to offer healthy choices to students, using food with very little fat, cholesterol and sodium, Greenfield said. Most of the vegetables are steamed with no oil or butter and Seacobeck uses fresh fruits and mostly fresh vegetables.

Pizza is still one of the most popular items. Seacobeck chefs cook about 150 pizzas every day to keep up with student demand.

"A lot of kids take half a pizza and run with it," Mayette said.

Behind the doors that are in the back of the lines in the dining room are the kitchens.

Looking down on the kitchens from the balcony, one can see the huge metal hood in the middle of the ceiling used for ventilation that covers the central equipment.

Underneath the hood are huge kettles used to boil water. There are also vegetable steamers under the hood, and convection ovens, which cook food up to two-thirds times as fast as conventional ovens.

On one side of the kitchen is the grill equipment, and on the other side is the steam equipment and the bakery, where bakers work from about 6 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Although Dining Services tries to run the Eagles Nest as a separate entity, Seacobeck does all the baking and soup making for the Eagles Nest.

Noah Ristau, director of catering, said he likes the layout of the kitchen in Seacobeck.

"I think what I like best about this kitchen is how open it is," said Ristau, a 1996 graduate of the college. "It emphasizes how clean it is."

In the back of the kitchen is the salad production room, which includes a potato peeler that peels about 300 pounds of potatoes whenever mashed potatoes are served.

"We'll probably cook about 400 pounds of mashed potatoes tonight," Greenfield said.

Next in the back of the kitchen is the dishline, where workers wash dishes from about noon until closing. The dishes are put in a huge conveyor-belt-like dishwashing machine that is capable of washing about 10,000 dishes an hour.

"These are some of the hardest working guys on campus," Greenfield said of the dishwashers.

Once the food arrives at Seacobeck, it goes downstairs to the basement. Beneath Seacobeck, there is a whole world that is unknown to most students.

There are several walk-in coolers on the basement level—one for meat, one for produce, one for dairy and a walk-in freezer.

There is also a huge room of dry goods.

Ristau said that when he was a student, Seacobeck often went six months without making an order, but now smaller quantities of food are delivered more often.

"We try to keep [food] inventory levels to as low as possible, with the emphasis being on fresh food," he said.

The room of dry goods also includes 64 soda tanks that are hooked up to the soda machines in the dining rooms and last about 3 to 4 days.

Each tank contains about five gallons of syrup that produces about 25 gallons of finished product, which ends up being about 1,500 gallons a day total. When a student uses one of the drink machines upstairs, a spouting sound can be heard in the basement.

Mayette will often ask students in the dining rooms about the food, and said that most of the feedback the students give is constructive.

David Grumbacher, director of Seacobeck, said that students can fill out comment cards making requests or asking that certain things be changed.

They also have consumer advocates, which are students who ask other students' opinions about the food at Seacobeck, and secret shoppers, who are students who are paid to check the quality of the food and write a report.

Junior Susan Wilburn, a student manager in catering, said the staff does their best to listen to student opinion.

"We're not mom's home cooking, and we don't claim to be mom's home cooking, but the staff is very responsive," Wilburn said.

FAST FACT:

When Spain declared war on the United States in 1898, the United States in turn declared war on Spain but backed out the declaration by three days so it would look more heroic to have declared war first.



Aerial view of the bakery station in Seacobeck Hall's kitchen.

Sarah Lucas/Bullet

Five-Course Cooking For Dummies

By OSASU AIRHIAVBERE

Staff Writer

Eight students and one faculty member are gathered in the brightly lit faculty dining room. In front of the room is a large table with three gas powered portable stoves, three stainless steel spotless pans and fresh vegetables arranged on top of it. A man in a Mary Washington College Chef's uniform and a black baseball cap walks in from one of the back rooms. His nametag reads, "Kyle Mayette, Executive Chef."

"All right, everybody, today we are going to learn how to make some soup," Mayette announced to the group.

The students were excited about making soup that did not have the words "Ramen Chicken Noodle" in its name.

On Tuesday Feb. 13, the second class of the Cooking 101 course met in the faculty dining room.

The classes, which are free and open to all students, only consisted of nine students. But the low attendance allowed Mayette, executive chef at the college since last November, and his assistant, junior Susan Wilburn, to offer personal attention to each group.

The course is a total of five classes. By the end of the classes, students will know how to prepare a five-course meal.

Freshman Kaycee Green said she plans to put her lessons to good use.

"I thought that this would be a useful class to take because I can't even make pancakes from scratch," she said.

Other members of the class, like freshman Amber Rector, attend the classes for the pure love of cooking.

"My boyfriend and I cook together a lot, so I thought that this class would give us ideas of other things to make," Rector said.

A commuter student, Caroline Jarvis does most of her own cooking.

"I definitely benefit from the classes," said Jarvis, president of the Commuting Students Association. "I am a useless cook and they have really helped me."

As the chef of the cooking class, Mayette, 30, decides what food the students prepare.

In the first class, held on Feb. 1, students learned to make sushi and California rolls. In last week's class, the students learned to make soups.

Mayette, however, had no recipes for soups. "Soup is a feel thing," said Mayette, who has been working in kitchens since age 14. "It comes from the heart."

The students prepared Canadian cheese soup, vegetable soup and roasted chicken and wild rice soup. The nine students were divided into three groups of three students, with each group preparing one soup. Each group simultaneously made their soups and observed the work of the other groups, taking mental notes of ingredients used.

Rector and the other two members of her group made the Canadian cheese soup.

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Corey Byrnes/Bullet

Chef Kyle Mayette.

Quakes Shake El Salvador

Peace Corps Volunteer On-Site For Aftermath

By LAUREN LEGARD

Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, Peace Corps volunteer Brian Straight was washing clothes in a bucket outside his adobe home, made of sun-dried clay and straw, in Jocotitlán Morazán, El Salvador. Upon hearing what sounded like a large truck approaching, the Mary Washington College alumna realized there was no such luck. It was an earthquake.

At that instant, he felt to the ground as a result of a quake that registered a magnitude of 6.6 on the Richter scale.

The Feb. 13 quake was the second one in two months to strike El Salvador. Exactly one month before, on Jan. 13, another quake hit. That earthquake registered a magnitude of 7.6 and devastated the country.

It was this earthquake that left Bob Straight, Brian's father, fearing for his son's safety.

"There were 100 plus volunteers in El Salvador, and they had heard from all but four by Sunday afternoon," Bob Straight said. "Brian was one of those four."

By Sunday afternoon, Brian's father had spoken with a representative of the Peace Corps trying to find out about his son. They knew little.

The Jan. 13 quake was centered in the Pacific Ocean off the southwestern coast of El Salvador.

"I thought [Brian] was dead," said Ben Straight, Brian's brother, a Spanish major at Radford University.

"During the weekends, Brian usually goes into San Miguel or San Salvador, and both cities that he could have visited collapsed. I thought I would never see him again. My father and I were going to go down there and find him in some capacity, but luckily, he was found [Monday] afternoon."

On Monday morning, Brian's father finally got a call from a Peace Corps representative who said they had spoken to his son—and he was safe.

According to Paige

Risser, a spokesperson with the Peace Corps, as of September 2000, 126 Peace Corps volunteers were in El Salvador. All survived both quakes.

Straight, 25, is a 1999 graduate of the college, and has been working in Morazán, El Salvador for nearly two years.

"I see this earthquake scenario as being something that runs far beyond the barriers of actual tangible damage for the people here," Straight said. "Rather, it is something that carries certain political consequences for all sides involved, some of which tend to leave Salvadoreans on the blunt end of the hemispheric pistol whip."

Rima Straight, Brian's mother, expected him to return home immediately after the Feb. 13 earthquake.

"A lot of the Peace Corps workers lost everything," she said. "None of the workers will leave their communities. I thought Brian would be home within a week. I figured they'd pull him. But he refused to leave."

Straight told his mother in a telephone conversation shortly after the quake that he was not even sure if he could accomplish his mission because the schools were gone. Straight also told his mother that the Peace Corps headquarters in San Viente was demolished.

"He's mostly concerned about how devastated the country is," Straight's mother said. "He feels like no one's helping them. He can't get over how devastated the people are."



Photo courtesy of Rima Straight

According to Susan Buchanan, a spokesperson for the Peace Corps, Crisis Corps volunteers are being sought for short-term assignments in El Salvador.

Buchanan explained that the Crisis Corps volunteers are former volunteers who re-enroll in the Peace Corps for short-term assignments to help countries recover from natural disasters.

Peace Corps volunteers earn a monthly stipend for their work. The stipend is equivalent to that which a person working in the country in a similar position would make.

Straight has been working on various projects since his arrival in Morazán.

According to his father, he has worked on water purification and agricultural relations projects. He has worked in a medical clinic, given health instruction, worked with the women and children in the village and also teaches English in the village school, according to his mother.

"I tend to shy away from the idea of a report about me personally because it takes the focus off the important thing here which I consider to be of utmost gravity in the quake relief effort," Straight said.

"[This is] the level of awareness that white North Americans have toward this absolute tragedy and its effects on the Salvadorean populace, and in a more direct way than you would really imagine, on the North American citizen as well."

"Raising awareness of the circumstances under which the average Salvadorean now finds himself or herself is the first step toward politically rectifying the problem."

While at the college, Straight was a Spanish major interested in Latin American culture.

Ana Colchester, associate professor of Spanish, said the Peace Corps was a logical choice for Straight.

"Nothing that he's done surprises me," said Chichester, Straight's former advisor. "He's totally comfortable with all types of people. He has a gift for feeling comfortable with people from all walks of life."

The standard volunteer service with the Peace Corps is 27 months, according to Risser. Straight's contract expires this August. Straight and he will travel to South America at that time.

The Hispanic Student Association at Mary Washington College offered aid to the victims from the



Photo courtesy of Rima Straight

Brian Straight in El Salvador.

January earthquake by collecting money in the Woodland Campus Center for a week in February.

Senior Wendy Ramirez, the president of the organization, said that they had already collected \$57 on the first day, and that all proceeds would be donated to the Red Cross.

"I think that it's horrible that El Salvador

and other countries have had so many natural disasters in the past few years," Ramirez said. "These are things that not only affect the people in these countries, but also the Hispanic families that live in the United States too. I feel that, as a more privileged country, it's our responsibility to help out and contribute in any small or big way."

Tasha Beras, treasurer of the Hispanic Student Association, said she knows firsthand what it is like to live in a country in need.

"I wasn't born in the United States," she said. "I know what it feels like when other countries help. Now if that I'm in the position to help, I feel bad if I just turn my head."

Chow Down

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"The cheese soup was really easy to make," she said.

The group first poured broth and beer in the pot and heated it until it simmered. Next they added cream and heated that until it simmered again. Last, they added the cheese and heated it until it melted.

Another group made the roasted chicken and wild rice soup.

First the group chopped a variety of vegetables including mushrooms, onions and carrots. Then they heated a few tablespoons of oil in a pot and poured the vegetables in. The vegetables cooked for about 10 minutes after which the chicken broth and the roasted chicken was added while stirring repeatedly for about ten minutes. Last, they stirred the wild rice into the soup.

The third group made vegetable soup.

"Especially with the vegetable soup, there isn't really a specific recipe because some people like a lot of vegetables, others like fewer," Mayette said.

Green said she chose to make this soup because she is a vegetarian.

First, Green and her group chopped the vegetables the same size so they would cook evenly. Then they were poured into a pot with a few tablespoons of oil and cooked for about ten minutes. Next the vegetable stock was added and boiled as the soup was continuously stirred for another ten minutes. Right before it was served, the group chose to add pasta to their soup.

Cooking 101 was proposed last year by former president of the Commuting Students Association Kelly Turcic.

This year, Cooking 101 is for on-campus students, staff and faculty as well.

Cooking 101 is sponsored by MWC Dining Services, the Dining Committee and the Commuting Students Association.

In the next class, on March 13, students will learn to make salads. It will be the third course in making a five-course meal.

"So far the classes are going very well," Mayette said. "The students are learning it a lot and they are actually enjoying it too."

Brian Straight, a Peace Corps volunteer, aids El Salvador children.

Step Show Turns It Up

College Hosts Step Competition

By AUDREY MORAN

Staff Writer

The Dodd Auditorium stage is shaking, the lights are flashing, the audience is going wild, standing up, dancing and clapping along with the dancers onstage. They are gathered here, for the Mary Washington Step Show, put together by Women of Color and Brotherhood of a New Direction (BOND) for the past 11 years.

Stepping is a style of dance based on rhythmic African dances, recently adapted to the African-American music genres of R&B and rap. The dancers combine complex stomping with high-speed clapping and slapping, on their chests, arms and legs. Then, just when it seems they can't possibly keep the coordination up, they start singing—and they make it look easy.

"I was surprised to see that all of the performers could stay in sync with one another and stay in sync with the music," said JoeAnn Walker, a freshman who attended the show. "All the performers looked like they had put a lot of time and effort into their performances, and the hard work really was shown."

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Eight students and one faculty member are gathered in the brightly lit faculty dining room. In front of the room is a large table with three gas powered portable stoves, three stainless steel spotless pans and fresh vegetables arranged on top of it. A man in a Mary Washington College Chef's uniform and a black baseball cap walks in from one of the back rooms. His nametag reads, "Kyle Mayette, Executive Chef."

"All right, everybody, today we are going to learn how to make some soup," Mayette announced to the group.

The students were excited about making soup that did not have the words "Ramen Chicken Noodle" in its name.

On Tuesday Feb. 13, the second class of the Cooking 101 course met in the faculty dining room.

The classes, which are free and open to all students, only consisted of nine students. But the low attendance allowed Mayette, executive chef at the college since last November, and his assistant, junior Susan Wilburn, to offer personal attention to each group.

The course is a total of five classes. By the end of the classes, students will know how to prepare a five-course meal.

Freshman Kaycee Green said she plans to put her lessons to good use.

"I thought that this would be a useful class to take because I can't even make pancakes from scratch," she said.

Other members of the class, like freshman Amber Rector, attend the classes for the pure love of cooking.

"My boyfriend and I cook together a lot, so I thought that this class would give us ideas of other things to make," Rector said.

A commuter student, Caroline Jarvis does most of her own cooking.

"I definitely benefit from the classes," said Jarvis, president of the Commuting Students Association. "I am a useless cook and they have really helped me."

As the chef of the cooking class, Mayette, 30, decides what food the students prepare.

In the first class, held on Feb. 1, students learned to make sushi and California rolls. In last week's class, the students learned to make soups.

Mayette, however, had no recipes for soups. "Soup is a feel thing," said Mayette, who has been working in kitchens since age 14. "It comes from the heart."

The students prepared Canadian cheese soup, vegetable soup and roasted chicken and wild rice soup. The nine students were divided into three groups of three students, with each group preparing one soup. Each group simultaneously made their soups and observed the work of the other groups, taking mental notes on ingredients used.

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Quakes Shake El Salvador

Peace Corps Volunteer On-Site For Aftermath

By LAUREN LEGARD
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, Peace Corps volunteer Brian Straight was washing clothes in a bucket outside his adobe home, made of sun-dried clay and straw, in Jocotepeco Morazan, El Salvador. Upon hearing what sounded like a large truck approaching, the Mary Washington College alumnus realized there was no such truck. It was an earthquake.

At that instant, he fell to the ground as a result of a quake that registered a magnitude of 6.6 on the Richter scale.

The Feb. 13 quake was the second one in two months to strike El Salvador. Exactly one month before, on Jan. 13, another quake hit. That earthquake registered a magnitude of 7.6 and devastated the country.

It was this earthquake that left Bob Straight, Brian's father, fearing for his son's safety.

"There were 100 plus volunteers in El Salvador, and they had heard from all but four by Sunday afternoon," Bob Straight said. "Brian was one of those four."

By Sunday afternoon, Brian's father had spoken with a representative of the Peace Corps trying to find out about his son. They knew little.

The Jan. 13 quake was centered in the Pacific Ocean off the southwestern coast of El Salvador.

"I thought [Brian] was dead," said Ben Straight, Brian's brother, a Spanish major at Radford University.

"During the weekends, Brian usually goes into San Miguel or San Salvador, and both cities that he could have visited collapsed. I thought I would never see him again. My father and I were going to go down there and find him in some capacity, but luckily, he was found [Monday] afternoon."

On Monday morning, Brian's father finally got a call from a Peace Corps representative who said they had spoken to his son—and he was safe.

According to Paige,

Risser, a spokesperson with the Peace Corps, as of September 2000, 126 Peace Corps volunteers were in El Salvador. All survived both quakes.

Straight, 25, is a 1999 graduate of the college, and has been working in Morazan, El Salvador for nearly two years.

"I see this earthquake scenario as being something that runs far beyond the barriers of actual tangible damage for the people here," Straight said. "Rather, it is something that carries certain political consequences for all sides involved, some of which tend to leave Salvadoreans on the blunt end of the hemispheric pistol whip."

Rima Straight, Brian's mother, expected him to return home immediately after the Feb. 13 earthquake.

"A lot of the Peace Corps workers lost everything," she said. "None of the workers will leave their communities. I thought Brian would be home within a week. I figured they'd pull him. But he refused to leave."

Straight told his mother in a telephone conversation shortly after the quake that he was not even sure if he could accomplish his mission because the schools were gone. Straight also told his mother that the Peace Corps headquarters in San Viente was demolished.

"He's mostly concerned about how devastated the country is," Straight's mother said. "He feels like no one's helping them. I can't get over how devastated the people are."

Photo courtesy of Rima Straight

According to Susan Buchanan, a spokesperson for the Peace Corps, Crisis Corps volunteers are being sought for short-term assignments in El Salvador.

Buchanan explained that the Crisis Corps volunteers are former volunteers who re-enroll in the Peace Corps for short-term assignments to help countries recover from natural disasters.

Peace Corps volunteers earn a monthly stipend for their work. The stipend is equivalent to that which a person working in the country in a similar position would make.

Straight has been working on various projects since his arrival in Morazan.

According to his father, he has worked on water purification and agricultural relations projects. He has worked in a medical clinic, given health instruction, worked with the women and children in the village and also teaches English in the village school, according to his mother.

"I tend to shy away from the idea of a report about me personally because it takes the focus off the important thing here which I consider to be of utmost gravity in the quake relief effort," Straight said.

"[This is] the level of awareness that while North Americans have toward this absolute tragedy and its effects on the Salvadorean populace, and in a more direct way than you would really imagine, on the North American citizenry as well."

"Raising awareness of the circumstances under which the average Salvadorean now finds himself or herself is the first step toward politically rectifying the problem."

While at the college, Straight was a Spanish major interested in Latin American culture.

And Chichester, associate professor of Spanish, said the Peace Corps was a logical choice for Straight.

"Nothing that he's done surprises me," said Chichester, Straight's former advisor. "He's equally comfortable with all types of people. He has a gift for feeling comfortable with people from all walks of life."

The standard volunteer service with the Peace Corps is 27 months, according to Risser. Straight's contract expires this August. Straight said he will travel to South America at that time.

The Hispanic Student Association at Mary Washington College offered aid to the victims from the



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Brian Straight in El Salvador.

January earthquake by collecting money in the Woodard Campus Center for a week in February.

Senior Wendy Ramirez, the president of the organization, said that they had already collected \$57 on the first day, and that all proceeds would be donated to the Red Cross.

"I think that it's horrible that El Salvador and other countries have had so many natural disasters in the past few years," Ramirez said. "These are things that not only affect the people in these countries, but also the Hispanic families that live in the United States. I feel that, as a more privileged country, it's our responsibility to help out and contribute in any small or big way."

Tasha Beras, treasurer of the Hispanic Student Association, said she knows firsthand what it is like to live in a country in need.

"I wasn't born in the United States," she said. "I know what it feels like when other countries help. Now that I'm in the position to help, I feel bad if I just turn my head."

Chow Down

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"The cheese soup was really easy to make," she said.

The group first poured broth and beer in the pot and heated it until it simmered. Next they added cream and heated that until it simmered again. Last, they added the cheese and heated it until it melted.

Another group made the roasted chicken and wild rice soup.

First the group chopped a variety of vegetables including mushrooms, onions and carrots. Then they heated a few tablespoons of oil in a pot and poured the vegetables in. The vegetables cooked for about 10 minutes after which the chicken broth and the roasted chicken was added while stirring repeatedly for about ten minutes. Last, they stirred the wild rice into the soup.

The third soup Mayette instructed was vegetable soup.

"Especially with the vegetable soup, there isn't really a specific recipe because some people like a lot of vegetables, others like fewer," Mayette said.

Green said she chose to make this soup because she is a vegetarian.

First, Green and her group chopped the vegetables the same size so they would cook evenly. Then they were poured into a pot with a few tablespoons of oil and cooked for about ten minutes. Next the vegetable stock was added and boiled as the soup was continuously stirred for another ten minutes. Right before it was served, the group chose to add pasta to their soup.

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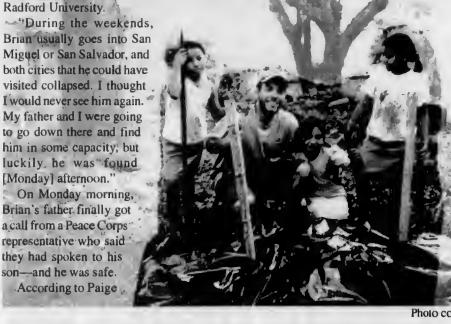


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"We're not mom's home cooking, and we don't claim to be mom's home cooking, but the staff is very responsive," Wilburn said.

FAST FACT:

When Spain declared war on the United States in 1898, the United States in turn declared war on Spain but backed out of the declaration by three days so it would look more heroic to have declared war first.

Five-Course Cooking For Dummies

By OSASU AIRHIAVBERE
Staff Writer

Eight students and one faculty member are gathered in the brightly lit faculty dining room. In front of the room is a large table with three gas powered portable stoves, three stainless steel spotless pans and fresh vegetables arranged on top of it. A man in a Mary Washington College Chef's uniform and a black baseball cap walks in from one of the back rooms. His nametag reads, "Kyle Mayette, Executive Chef."

"All right, everybody, today we are going to learn how to make some soup," Mayette announced to the group.

The students were excited about making soup that did not have the words "Ramen Chicken Noodle" in its name.

On Tuesday Feb. 13, the second class of the Cooking 101 course met in the faculty dining room.

The classes, which are free and open to all students, only consisted of nine students. But the low attendance allowed Mayette, executive chef at the college since last November, and his assistant, junior Susan Wilburn, to offer personal attention to each group.

The course is a total of five classes. By the end of the classes, students will know how to prepare a five-course meal.

Freshman Kaycee Green said she plans to put her lessons to good use.

"I thought that this would be a useful class to take because I can't even make pancakes from scratch," she said.

Other members of the class, like freshman Amber Rector, attend the classes for the pure love of cooking.

"My boyfriend and I cook together a lot, so I thought that this class would give us ideas of other things to make," Rector said.

A commuter student, Caroline Jarvis does most of her cooking at home.

"I definitely benefit from the classes," said Jarvis, president of the Commuting Students Association. "I am a useless cook and they have really helped me."

As the chef of the cooking class, Mayette, 30, decides what food the students prepare.

In the first class, held on Feb. 1, students learned to make sushi and California rolls. In last week's class, the students learned to make soups.

Mayette, however, had no recipes for soups.

"Soup is a feel thing," said Mayette, who has been working in kitchens since age 14. "It comes from the heart."

The students prepared Canadian cheese soup, vegetable soup and roasted chicken and wild rice soup. The nine students were divided into three groups of three students, with each group preparing one soup. Each group simultaneously made their soups and observed the work of the other groups, taking mental notes of ingredients used.

Rector and the other two members of her group made the Canadian cheese soup.

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Chef Kyle Mayette.

Corey Byrnes/Bullet

Quakes Shake El Salvador

Peace Corps Volunteer On-Site For Aftermath

By LAUREN LEGARD

Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, Peace Corps volunteer Brian Straight was washing clothes in a bucket outside his adobe home, made of sun-dried clay and straw, in Jocotepeco Morazan, El Salvador. Upon hearing what sounded like a large truck approaching, the Mary Washington College alumnus realized there was no such truck. It was an earthquake.

At that instant, he fell to the ground as a result of a quake that registered a magnitude of 6.6 on the Richter scale.

The Feb. 13 quake was the second one in two months to strike El Salvador. Exactly one month before, on Jan. 13, another quake hit. That earthquake registered a magnitude of 7.6 and devastated the country.

It was this earthquake that left Bob Straight, Brian's father, fearing for his son's safety.

"There were 100 plus volunteers in El Salvador, and they had heard from all but four by Sunday afternoon," Bob Straight said. "Brian was one of those four."

By Sunday afternoon, Brian's father had spoken with a representative of the Peace Corps trying to find out about his son. They knew little.

The Jan. 13 quake was centered in the Pacific Ocean off the southwestern coast of El Salvador.

"I thought [Brian] was dead," said Ben Straight, Brian's brother, a Spanish major at Radford University.

"During the weekends, Brian usually goes into San Miguel or San Salvador, and both cities that he could have visited collapsed. I thought I would never see him again. My father and I were going to go down there and find him in some capacity, but luckily he was found [Monday] afternoon."

On Monday morning, Brian's father finally got a call from a Peace Corps representative who said they had spoken to his son—and he was safe.

According to Paige



Photo courtesy of Rima Straight

Brian Straight, a Peace Corps volunteer, aids El Salvador children.

Step Show Turns It Up

College Hosts Step Competition

By AUDREY MORAN

Staff Writer

The Dodd Auditorium stage is shaking, the lights are flashing, the audience is going wild, standing up, dancing and clapping along with the dancers onstage. They are gathered here for the Mary Washington Step Show, put together by Women of Color and Brotherhood of a New Direction (BOND) for the past 11 years.

Stepping is a style of dance based on rhythmic African dances, recently adapted to the African-American music genres of R&B and rap. The dancers combine complex stomping with high-speed clapping and slapping, on their heads, chest, arms and legs. Then, just when it seems they can't possibly keep the coordination up, they start singing—and they make it look easy.

"I was surprised to see that all of the performers could stay in sync with one another and stay in sync with the music," said JoeAnn Walker, a freshman who attended the show. "All the performers looked like they had put a lot of time and effort into their performances, and the hard work really was shown."

Six high schools were competing at the event, and three college Greek organizations showcased their moves. The first place winners were a group of approximately 20 kids from Buckingham High School. Courtland High School in Spotsylvania High School took home second place honors.

Junior Neva Wallace, president of BOND, said he was in charge of lining up high schools to perform in the contest and planning the party afterward in the underground. BOND was one of the two main student groups involved in planning the Step Show.

"I started off getting four high schools, then I started to get more, then some canceled, so I got some more," Wallace said.

Women of Color took care of getting colleges to participate, publicity for the event, making the programs and general coordination of planning.

Freshman Felicia Brock, secretary of Women of Color, said nailing down time commitments from the groups was

difficult at times.

"The major problems we encountered were just getting everybody to come at their assigned practice times and getting them to actually show up on time," Brock said. "You're always scared the show will get messed up because someone doesn't show up on time or doesn't come at all."

Senior Mina Ennin, president of Women of Color, said the show receives a lot of support from the Fredericksburg community and the performers' peers.

"There are usually 1,500 to 2,000 people," Ennin said. "I think we may have reached that. People call about the show before we've even started publicity for it."

The community support, Brock says, is important to the success of the show.

"A lot of people at MWC don't even know what stepping is, so it's important the community cares, otherwise we wouldn't have a large turnout," she said. "People from the community keep coming back every year."

The organizers appreciated the fun, but perhaps not quite as much as those who were not involved in the organization, like Greta Franklin, a college alumna and former president of Women of Color.

"This is the first time I've been able to watch the whole show," Franklin said.

As a member, she was too busy running the show to sit down and just appreciate. This year, she was on the panel of judges.

The high spirits were particularly obvious during intermission, when Tracey Porter, the master of ceremonies, directed a quick dance competition among

members of the audience.

"What about this one?" he called out to the audience, asking them to cheer for the dancers, while keeping the ones who got the biggest cheers up on stage to dance more.

The winner of the contest, a young girl, walked away with a Step Show T-shirt and an auditorium ringing with cheers.

Brock said that Mary Washington College had a step team until last year, but it fell through.

"Stepping is a lot of work and is time consuming," said Brock, who was on the team last year. "I think that's part of the reason why the step team just kind of dissolved away."

Ennin, the leader of the step team last year, could not continue this year as president of Women of Color. But even without a home team, Ennin concluded that the event was a success.

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Photo courtesy of Rima Straight

Brian Straight in El Salvador.

January earthquake by collecting money in the Woodard Campus Center for a week in February.

Senor Wendy Ramirez, the president of the organization, said that they had already collected \$57 on the first day, and that all proceeds would be donated to the Red Cross.

"I think that it's horrible that El Salvador and other countries have had so many natural disasters in the past few years," Ramirez said. "These are things that not only affect the people in these countries, but also the Hispanic families that live in the United States. I feel that, as a more privileged country, it's our responsibility to help out and contribute in any small or big way."

Tasha Beras, treasurer of the Hispanic Student Association, said she knows firsthand what it is like to live in a country in need.

"I wasn't born in the United States," she said. "I know what it feels like when other countries help. Now that I'm in the position to help, I feel bad if I just turn my head."

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"The cheese soup was really easy to make," she said.

The group first poached broth and beer in the pot and heated it until it simmered. Next they added cream and heated that until it simmered again. Last, they added the cheese and heated it until it melted.

Another group made the roasted chicken and wild rice soup.

First the group chopped a variety of vegetables including mushrooms, onions and carrots. Then they heated a few tablespoons of oil in a pot and poured the vegetables in. The vegetables cooked for about 10 minutes after which the chicken broth and the roasted chicken was added while stirring repeatedly for about ten minutes. Last, they stirred the wild rice into the soup.

The third group made the vegetable soup.

"Especially with the vegetable soup, there isn't really a specific recipe because some people like a lot of vegetables, others like fewer," Mayette said.

Green said she chose to make this soup because she is a vegetarian.

First, Green and her group chopped the vegetables the same size so they would cook evenly. Then they were poured into a pot with a few tablespoons of oil and cooked for about ten minutes. Next the vegetable stock was added and boiled as the soup was continuously stirred for another ten minutes. Right before it was served, the group chose to add pasta to their soup.

Cooking 101 was proposed last year by former president of the Commuting Students Association Kelly Turcic.

This year, Cooking 101 is for on-campus students, staff and faculty as well.

Cooking 101 is sponsored by MWC Dining Services, the Dining Committee and the Commuting Students Association.

In the next class, on March 13, students will learn to make salads. It will be the third course in making a five-course meal.

"So far the classes are going very well," Mayette said. "The students are learning it a lot and they are actually enjoying it too."

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The Eagles have a shot at making a serious run for the national title, especially with returning all starters and adding two new freshmen recruits, Kim Colwell and Lindsay McMahon.

"It's a long shot, but it's possible," Schon said. "I think we have that potential." Vander Berg said, "I think we have a chance."

In contrast to the women's experience, the men's team is fairly green with five sophomores, one freshman and only one senior. The Eagles lost three starting players from last year's team, which had the best year ever for MWC men's tennis.

MWC finished with a final ranking of 15 nationally and a record of 17-2. The Eagles won the CAC and received their second ever bid to the NCAA tournament.

The Eagles are trying to regain a bid to the national tournament and remain competitive against one of the toughest schedules in the nation. This season,

MWC plays against the five of the top seven teams in the South region. The Eagles have already amassed a 4-2 record on the year and play several of their toughest opponents next week, including sixth-ranked University of the South, first-ranked Emory University, and fourth ranked Rhodes College.

"This week is going to be big," Helbling said. "We'll know a lot more [about ourselves] at the end of this week."

According to senior Dave Bristow, no one in the conference threatens MWC, and they are the overwhelming favorites to win their conference again.

"The conference is almost like a joke," he said. "It's not a strong conference for tennis."

Winning the conference does not guarantee an NCAA tournament bid, and the Eagles are trying to regain one by winning several key matches against quality opponents. Only six teams of approximately 75 in MWC's region will receive a bid.

"Basically, it's a war for the spot for nationals," Bristow said.

Despite this, the Eagles are certain that they can return to the tournament if they play well throughout the season.

"Every time your guys experience that, they get a taste for it," Helbling said. "I think our main goal with this young of a team is to make the NCAA tournament. I'm pretty sure in May we're going to be pretty doggone tough."

The women have their first match Saturday at Methodist College. The men's next match is Sunday against the University of the South.



Senior Dave Bristow swings into action.

Joel Nelson/Bullet

MWC Softball Gears Up

By MICHELLE TARTALIO

Assistant Sports Editor

Team spirit and talented newcomers should lead the women's softball team to a successful season. With an important home opening game against Randolph-Macon approaching tomorrow, these players are focused on one goal: winning.

"We certainly have the tools necessary for a successful season," said Coach Dee Conway, whose team has not won the CAC title since 1996. "Defensively we are faster. The infield is solid and the outfield is the strongest it has been in several years."

The players have consistently stressed the importance of working together as a team.

"We're really excited about the talent of the team this year, there is a strong sense of team, more than there has been in the past," said Amy Ackerman, a freshman outfielder.

Last season, the Eagles played their last double header against Randolph-Macon and are looking to start with a big win again this year. It may be a little easier this year with the talented freshman and transfers, including junior

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Dee Conway

working hard this season preparing the rigors ahead.

"In preparation for the game we worked on every aspect," Conway said. "You name it, we've covered it. The ladies are working extremely hard."

"Coach has us practice every day as if it's game day so we aren't doing too much differently this week," said junior Emily Ruby the team's captain.

There are a few changes in this week's routine.

"Coach has us mentally preparing for the game by focusing us on our determination to win this Friday," Ackerman said.

Shoe On The Other Foot

MWC Cheerleaders Capture CAC Crown

By JAMI BRYAN

Staff Writer

For months now, MWC cheerleaders have stood on the sidelines offering support, motivation and enthusiasm for the men's and women's basketball teams.

On Feb. 18th, at St. Mary's College, the tables were turned as the student body came out to support the cheerleading squad as it performed a near perfect routine and returned home Capital Athletic Conference champions.

"On competition day we went with an air of confidence, and the energy we had when we walked onto that mat and struck our routine was overwhelming," said freshman Mary Kate Sheridan.

As easy as they may have made it seem, the cheerleaders overcame many difficulties and challenges to bring home the number one spot.

This year was a rebuilding year for the team, as only three out of the 14 squad members returned from last year.

"Coming from all different cheerleading backgrounds with varying levels of experience and ability, we had the challenge of learning to communicate with other squad members," said Kristy Khuns, a junior



Courtesy Leah King

MWC's championship cheerleaders.

and the oldest member of the team.

On top of focusing on routines for their regular season, the team had the added pressure of deciding to enter the CAC

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Slow Starters

Sophomore Randy Faulk hopes MWC will turn its season around against national power and CAC rival Salisbury State this Friday.

The team returns seven seniors including all-CAC midfielder Ed Scopin and defenseman J.B. Hodgson. The team looks to rebound from a porous 3-10 record.

"The seniors have been together for four years and we have worked hard," Scopin said. "Our goal is to finish in the top 20."

The Eagles lost their season opener to Virginia Wesleyan, 13-5.

"They had some sick middies and they scored three quick goals in the second-half," Ted Bratrud, who is a senior captain.

Joel Nelson/Bullet

Seahawks Soar Past The Eagles

Visiting St. Mary's Gives MWC First CAC Loss In 2001

By KEVIN HICKERSON
Assistant Sports Editor

A late inning comeback fell short as St. Mary's College defeated Mary Washington College 4-3 at V. Earl Dickinson Stadium Wednesday.

The loss halted MWC's winning streak at five games. The setback was also the first loss for the Eagles in the Capital Athletic Conference.

"I told my team we don't change our approach, we don't change what we're doing, and we don't change our work ethic," said Coach Tom Sheridan. "It's a tough 4-3 loss and that's what it is. There's a lot of games and the season is young."

The Eagles were in the hole early as senior pitcher Mike Parker gave up three runs off of three hits. Parker settled down and only allowed three more hits the rest of the way.

"They jumped out to a three run lead," Sheridan said. "Certainly for them, on the road, it helps them relax and it gets us in a hole that we have to fight back from."

St. Mary's coach Lew Jenkins agreed with Sheridan.

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out to a three run lead," Jenkins said. "If you score first it puts the pressure on."

MWC chipped away at the lead for the rest of the game but was never able to pull even with the Seahawks.

In the bottom of the fifth, junior left-fielder Scott Chapman ripped a single to center field. After catcher Brendan Eggabrook's walk, junior shortstop Mark McEachron laced a single driving in Chapman.

Unfortunately, the rally stopped as senior second baseman Ryan Napolitano grounded out leaving two men on base.

The Eagles had the bases loaded with two outs in the seventh but were only able to cut the lead to one.

"We were slow off the start," McEachron said. "They got a jump on us in the first inning and we dug in and played better baseball the last seven innings. We're 0-1 in the CAC but there are a lot of games left."

Eggabrook was two for three with a double and a single. McEachron was 2 for 4 with an RBI.

The Eagles took care of Scranton in a businesslike fashion at home on

Saturday defeating the Royals in both games of a double header.

The first game was a close battle as junior southpaw Reed Shabman pitched six

and two-thirds innings, struck out seven and scattered 10 hits in a 5-3 victory.

Shabman picked up his first victory of the season.

"I was trying to get ahead and keep the ball down," Shabman said. "I tried not to walk anybody, to challenge the hitters, and keep them off balance."

Junior first baseman Jay Johnston went two for two with a RBI. Napolitano drove in a run to give the Eagles a comfortable lead going into the final inning. Sophomore pitcher Bronson Hall struck out the last batter to nail down his second save.

The second half of the double header saw junior pitcher Rob Boese take a perfect game into the sixth inning as the Eagles won 11-0.

Boese ended up allowing three hits and improved his record on the season to 2-0. Sophomore shortstop Matt Lemire and Napolitano each drove in three runs as the Eagles put any hope of a Scranton comeback away with a six run sixth inning.

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Junior Gib Montgomery cruises his way around the bases.

A Tale Of Two Seasons

Basketball Season At MWC Comes To An End

By KURT THURBER
and PHILLIP GRIFFITH
Staff Writers

uncertainty. Both teams found the same conclusion to their season, losing in the early rounds of the CAC tournament.

The men's basketball team, the MWC women's basketball squad, started the 2000-2001 season with a strong senior class and experience. The other, the men's basketball team, had an eclectic mix of youth and



Sarah McCarthy

anything. I'm polishing a piece of

coal. If they do, I'm polishing a

diamond, which is a pretty

enjoyable piece of work."

The Eagles also garnered a new fan base this year, which gave opposing teams "Holy hell," according to Wood. Fans painted their chests, wore wigs, chanted, and taunted visiting players and coaches.

The women's team rode a roller-coaster of season starting off the season 7-0, then free-falling in conference play with a six game losing streak rebounding to finish with a winning record, 1-1. They fell Catholic in the CAC semifinals, 12-9.

This season was the last ride for a senior class that led MWC to an overall record of 16-10. Senior Erin Caulfield led the Eagles in scoring and rebounding, with 15.8 points per game and 7.6 rebounds per game. Senior Bernice Kenney was the most charitable Eagle, leading the team in assists with 117.

"Our class being so large—six people—we were pretty good role models for the sophomores and freshman," Caulfield said. "We bonded and demonstrated we can work together."

Supreme Spirit Leaders

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meet just one month before the championship took place.

In order to put together a winning routine, the 12 women and two men on the squad had to endure one month of intense practice. The regular season consisted of practicing three days a week, but the month before the CACs the squad increased practices to four or five times a week.

"Additional practices allowed us to perfect our routine in the short time frame in which we were working," Khuns said.

Also responsible for the victorious outcome was

the support and guidance of Coach Jill Huse.

"She provided stability as a leader and her willingness to listen and ability to compromise contributed greatly to our success," said freshman Leah King.

Overcoming injuries, time constraints and working with a fairly young squad, the cheerleaders still managed to pull it together in time to impress judges and bring home the CAC Championship title.

"When I first got here, the reputation of MWC Cheerleading was good but somewhat lacking, and now we are the CAC champions," said Mary Kate Sheridan. "Imagine that, and just wait until next season!"



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Eagles is rival Salisbury State. Salisbury returned all its key players and added several new recruits, according to Coach Cindy Vander Berg. MWC plucked the Seagulls twice last year, including a 7-2 win in the CAC final.

"They're going to test us," said Vander Berg. "They're going to be pretty tough."

The Eagles have a shot at making a serious run for the national title, especially with returning all starters and adding two new freshmen recruits, Kim Colwell and Lindsay McMahan.

"It's a long shot, but it's possible," Schon said. "I think we have that potential," Vander Berg said. "I think we have a chance."

In contrast to the women's experience, the men's team is fairly green with five sophomores, one freshman and only one senior. The Eagles lost three starting players from last year's team, which had the best year ever for MWC men's tennis.

MWC finished with a final ranking of 15 nationally and a record of 17-2. The Eagles won the CAC and received their second bid ever to the NCAA tournament.

The Eagles are trying to regain a bid to the national tournament and remain competitive against one of the toughest schedules in the nation. This season,

MWC plays against the five of the top seven teams in the South region. The Eagles have already amassed a 4-2 record on the year and play several of their toughest opponents next week, including sixth-ranked University of the South, first-ranked Emory University, and fourth-ranked Rhodes College.

"This week is going to be big," Helbling said. "We'll know a lot more [about ourselves] at the end of this week."

According to senior Dave Bristow, no one in the conference threatens MWC, and they are the overwhelming favorites to win their conference again.

"The conference is almost like a joke," he said. "It's not a strong conference for tennis."

Winning the conference does not guarantee an NCAA tournament bid, and the Eagles are trying to regain one by winning several key matches against quality opponents. Only six teams of approximately 75 in MWC's region will receive a bid.

"Basically, it's a war for the spot for nationals," Bristow said.

Despite this, the Eagles are certain that they can return to the tournament if they play well throughout the season.

"Every time your guys experience that, they get a taste for it," Helbling said. "I think our main goal with this young of a team is to make the NCAA tournament. I'm pretty sure in May we're going to be pretty doggone tough."

The women have their first match Saturday at Methodist College. The men's next match is Sunday against the University of the South.



Joel Nelson/Bullet
Senior Dave Bristow swings into action.

MWC Softball Gears Up

By MICHELLE TARTALIO
Assistant Sports Editor

Team spirit and talented newcomers should lead the women's softball team to a successful season. With an important home opening game against Randolph-Macon approaching tomorrow, these players are focused on one goal: winning.

"We certainly have the tools necessary for a successful season," said Coach Dee Conway, whose team has not won the CAC title since 1996. "Defensively we are faster. The infield is solid and the outfield is the strongest it has been in several years."

The players have consistently stressed the importance of working together as a team.

"We're really excited about the talent of the team this year, there is a strong sense of team, more than there has been in the past," said Amy Ackerman, a freshman outfielder.

Last season, the Eagles played their last double header against Randolph-Macon and are looking to start with a big win again this year. It may be a little easier this year with the talented freshman and transfers, including junior

"You name it, we've covered it. The ladies are working extremely hard."

Dee Conway

working hard this season preparing the rigors ahead.

"In preparation for the game we worked on every aspect," Conway said. "You name it, we've covered it. The ladies are working extremely hard."

"Coach has us practice every day as if it's game day so we aren't doing too much differently this week," said junior Emily Ruby the team's captain.

There has been a change in this week's routine.

"Coach has us mentally preparing for the game by focusing us on our determination to win this Friday," Ackerman said.



Joel Nelson/Bullet

Slow Starters

Sophomore Randy Faulk hopes MWC will turn its season around against national power and CAC rival Salisbury State this Friday.

The team returns seven seniors including all-CAC midfielder Ed Scopin and defenseman J.B. Hodgson. The team looks rebound from a porous 3-10 record.

"The seniors have been together for four years and we have worked hard," Scopin said. "Our goal is to finish in the top 20."

The Eagles lost their season opener to Virginia Wesleyan, 13-5.

"They had some sick middies and they scored three quick goals in the second-half," Ted Bratard, who is a senior captain.

Shoe On The Other Foot

MWC Cheerleaders Capture CAC Crown

By JAMI BRYAN
Staff Writer

For months now, MWC cheerleaders have stood on the sidelines offering support, motivation and enthusiasm for the men's and women's basketball teams.

On Feb. 18th, at St. Mary's College, the tables were turned as the student body came out to support the cheerleading squad as it performed a near perfect routine and returned home Capital Athletic Conference champions.

"On competition day we went with an air of confidence, and the energy we had when we walked onto that mat and struck our routine was overwhelming," said freshman Mary Kate Sheridan.

As easy as they may have made it seem, the cheerleaders overcame many difficulties and challenges to bring home the number one spot.

This year was the 14th straight year for the team, as only three out of the 14 squad members returned from last year.

"Coming from all different cheerleading backgrounds with varying levels of experience and ability, we had the challenge of learning to communicate with other squad members," said Kristy Khuns, a junior



Courtesy Leah King
MWC's championship cheerleaders.

and the oldest member of the team.

On top of focusing on routines for their regular season, the team had the added pressure of deciding to enter the CAC

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Seahawks Soar Past The Eagles

Visting St. Mary's Gives MWC First CAC Loss In 2001

By KEVIN HICKERSON
Assistant Sports Editor

A late inning comeback fell short as St. Mary's College defeated Mary Washington College 4-3 at V. Earl Dickinson Stadium Wednesday.

The loss halted MWC's winning streak at five games. The setback was also the first loss for the Eagles in the Capital Athletic Conference.

"I told my team we don't change our approach, we don't change what we're doing, and we don't change our work ethic," said Coach Tom Sheridan. "It's a tough 4-3 loss and that's what it is. There's a lot of games and the season is young."

The Eagles were in the hole early as senior pitcher Mike Parker gave up three runs off of three hits. Parker settled down and only allowed three more hits the rest of the way.

"They jumped out to a three run lead," Sheridan said. "Certainly for them, on the road, it helps them relax and it gets us in a hole that we have to fight back from."

St. Mary's coach Lew Jenkins agreed with Sheridan.

"I think we were fortunate to jump

out to a three run lead," Jenkins said. "If you score first it puts the pressure on."

MWC chipped away at the lead for the rest of the game but was never able to pull even with the Seahawks.

In the bottom of the fifth, junior left-fielder Scott Chapman ripped a single to center field. After catcher Brendan Eygabroat's walk, junior shortstop Mark McEachron laced a single driving in Chapman.

Unfortunately, the rally stopped as senior second baseman Ryan

Napolitano grounded out leaving two men on base.

The Eagles had the bases loaded with two outs in the seventh but were

only able to cut the lead to one.

"We were slow off the start," McEachron said. "They got a jump on us in the first inning and we dug in and played better baseball the last seven innings. We're 0-1 in the CAC but there are a lot of games left."

Eygabroat was two for three with a double and a single. McEachron was 2 for 4 with an RBI.

The Eagles took care of Scranton in a businesslike fashion at home on

Saturday

defeating the Royals in both games of a double header.

The first

game was a

close battle

as junior

southpaw

Reed

Shabman

pitched six

and two-thirds innings, struck out seven and scattered 10 hits in a 5-3 victory.

Shabman picked up his first victory of the season.

"I was trying to get ahead and keep the ball down," Shabman said.

"I tried not to walk anybody, to challenge the hitters, and keep them off balance."

Junior first baseman Jay Johnston went two for two with a RBI..

Napolitano drove in a run to give the Eagles a comfortable lead going into the final inning. Sophomore pitcher Bronson Hall struck out the last batter to nail down his second save.

The second half of the double header saw junior pitcher Rob Boese take a perfect game into the sixth inning as the Eagles won 11-0.

Boese ended up

allowing three hits and

improved his record on

the season to 2-0.

Sophomore shortstop Matt Lemire and Napolitano each drove in three runs as the Eagles put any hope of a Scranton comeback away with a six run sixth inning.

MWC will next

play SUNY New Paltz.



Senior pitcher Mike Parker

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A Tale Of Two Seasons

Basketball Season At MWC Comes To An End

By KURT THURBER
and PHILLIP GRIFFITH
Staff Writers

uncertainty. Both teams found the anything, I'm polishing a piece of same conclusion to their season, coal. If they do, I'm polishing a pretty diamond, which is a pretty enjoyable piece of work."

The Eagles also garnered a new fan base this year, which gave opposing teams "holy hell," according to Wood. Fans painted their chests, wore wigs, chanted, and taunted visiting players and coaches.

The women's team rode a roller-coaster of season starting off the season 7-0, then free-falling in the first round of the CAC tournament for the fourth consecutive year, Coach Rod Wood was pleased with his team's season.

"In a retrospect, I think we had a successful season," Wood said. "I set a goal for our team to finish in the top four of our conference, which I thought was unrealistic at the time."

The Eagles were picked to finish seventh in the CAC, and because of finishing fourth, Wood was voted the CAC Coach of the Year. With only one senior graduating, the Eagles should be competitive for the next year.

"A player is made in the off-season," Wood said. "It's my job to polish them. If they don't do



Sarah McCarthy



Dan Dupras scores.

Supreme Spirit Leaders

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meet just one month before the championship took place.

In order to put together a winning routine, the 12 women and two men on the squad had to endure one month of intense practice. The regular season consisted of practicing three days a week, but the month before the CACs the squad increased practices to four or five times a week.

"Additional practices allowed us to perfect our routine in the short time frame in which we were working," Khuns said.

Also responsible for the victorious outcome was

the support and guidance of Coach Jill Huse.

"She provided stability as a leader and her willingness to listen and ability to compromise contributed greatly to our success," said freshman Leah King.

Overcoming injuries, time constraints and working with a fairly young squad, the cheerleaders still managed to pull it together in time to impress judges and bring home the CAC Championship title.

"When I first got here, the reputation of MWC Cheerleading was good but somewhat lacking, and now we are the CAC champions," said Mary Kate Sheridan. "Imagine that, and just wait until next season!"



Junior Gib Montgomery cruises his way around the bases.

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- 8.) Chocolat
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“It’s not true that I said actors are cattle. I said they should be treated like cattle.”

Alfred Hitchcock

A Flash of Religious Icons In Professor’s New Exhibit

Steve Griffin Displays Mixed Media Images Of Jesus, Buddha and Sacred Hearts At Bistro 309

By SARAH LUCAS
Assistant Features Editor

Bistro 309 in downtown Fredericksburg isn’t just an elegant place to eat vanilla bean crème brûlée. What makes the restaurant unique from others in the area is that it doubles as a gallery, with a new exhibit every two months featuring works by local artists.

The most recent show displays the work of Steve Griffin, professor of art at Mary Washington College, who teaches printmaking, photography, drawing, and 2-D design.

Adorning the walls all around are unique photograph collages that incorporate the Catholic sacred heart, a heart that is often surrounded by a crown of thorns and dripping blood. Most of the works have two-dimensional pictures of the sacred heart, but one has a medical drawing of the heart, protruding from the work on a piece of plastic, with real thorns wrapped around it.

“That image [of the sacred heart] is kind of a mysterious image. It symbolizes suffering and hope at the same time,” Griffin said.

Griffin said that he was exposed to many religious images while he attended Catholic grade school during the 1950s.

“The image of the sacred heart in particular was both frightening

and inspiring to me as a child,” Griffin said.

Later in life, Griffin started collecting religious images, especially sacred heart prints, many of which he bought at antique shops in Fredericksburg. However, Griffin does not consider himself to be particularly religious.

“I would say I’m more spiritual than religious,” he said. “To me, religion tends to identify with a particular belief.”

In 1990, Griffin received three grants from Mary Washington College to work in a New York City studio with a Polaroid 20x24, which takes huge, 20-by-24-inch pictures.

According to Jay Comfort, one of the owners and chefs at Bistro 309, there are only three of these cameras in the country—one in San Francisco, one in Chicago and one in New York.

On his last visit to the studio in New York in 1994, Griffin brought some of his collection of images of Jesus and the sacred heart. He photographed the icons, some in full and some in four sections, and when assembled it produced a 40-inch by 48-inch image. Then he manipulated the polaroids, adding layers of paint and attaching different types of

hearts.

Comfort, who has operated the restaurant since it opened, wanted it to be a place where local artists could exhibit their work. Although not an artist himself, it was part of Comfort’s original business plan to feature local art. All artists show new work that has never been exhibited before.

On the first Monday of every new exhibit, the Bistro holds a dinner and reception with the artist to announce the opening. Comfort said the restaurant holds the dinner so that people can ask questions of the artist, which is something they don’t usually have a chance to do in a gallery setting.

“It’s a special experience to have the artist actually describe

the process [of the work],” Comfort said.

When Griffin spoke at the dinner he described the process he went through to create the artwork and spoke about the pervasiveness of the sacred heart imagery throughout his

Catholic school education. He said that seeing the religious images in his home, church and school partly inspired him to become an artist. He

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At left, Professor of Art Steve Griffin works with junior Meagan Wientjes on her artwork. Above, Griffin’s art adorns the walls of Bistro 309, where employees Steve Cameli and Nathaniel Haas set up for dinner in the elaborate dining room.

Orbit’s March Line-Up

Benefit Concert For Indian Reservation

Orbit’s will hold a benefit concert on Sunday, March 18, for the Pine Ridge Project, an Indian reservation in South Dakota. The idea behind this project is to give residents the materials to build houses and windmills themselves, as well as access to maintain them. Since electricity is difficult to obtain and expensive, residents cannot afford to heat their homes or use well water year-round.

“They want to set up a situation where these people can help themselves,” said Kim Price, co-owner of Orbit’s.

This concert will kick off a season of benefit concerts to be held at other locations in the Fredericksburg area. Tickets for the whole season will be available at the concert. Donations will be requested at the door.

The concert features Ann Rabson, piano player for local trio Saffire—The Uppity Blues Women. Rabson plays a piano style that has its origins in the Ragtime and Swing of the 1920s and 1930s.

“There is a name for the piano I play. It’s Barrel House piano



Juliette Gomez/Bullet

Thom Schiff hosts Orbit’s Monday night open mic with a sense of humor.

blues. It came from when people would buy a barrel of beer and there would be a piano in the room and people would play to come in to dance,” Rabson said.

Other upcoming events at Orbit’s include:

• Friday, March 2, the downtown eatery will hold a show with “Moderoko.” The drummer, John Molo, also plays with Grateful Dead bassist Phil Lesh’s band.

• Saturday, March 3, Susan Greenbaum will perform pop/rock.

• Friday, March 9, “Brother’s Past,” a technojam band will visit from Philadelphia.

• Saturday March 10, “Off the Cuff,” a grove rock band that is considered world music will play.

• Don’t forget: every Monday is open mic night at Orbit’s, open to all ages.

—Compiled by Scene Staff

Photo courtesy of Rabson

Ann Rabson of Saffire plays Barrel House blues.

FAST FACT:

As a youth, George Lucas had planned to become a race-car driver. However, a near-fatal crash only two days before his high school graduation altered his plans forever.

HARD TIMES CAFE

AWARD WINNING CHILI BURGERS & BEER

Converting Adjacent Room To Pool Hall

By BRYAN JOHNSON

Staff Writer

A month and a half from now, Mary Washington College students will have a new place to go to play pool on the weekends. Hard Times Cafe, currently a favorite place to get wings and chili for a large number of college students, will be expanding to include a ten-table billiards hall and a full bar.

“I envision a place where you can spend the evening. Come to Hard Times, get a bite to eat, then mosey over to play pool, grab a couple of beers, and then look at your watch and see that it’s 2 a.m. and you’ve been here since seven,” said Melvin Melvin, owner of Hard Times Cafe.

Tentatively named the River City Cue Club, the new establishment will be owned and run by Melvin.

“A lot of things are still in the works,” Melvin said. “But we have a lot of things set up to make the billiards aspect appeal to a lot of people.”

Melvin already knows that the River City Cue Club will contain ten pool tables, a fifty-foot full bar, and six satellite receivers for television.

“With six different receivers, we can show different games on each of the six televisions,” Melvin said.

Unlike most pool halls, the one envisioned by Melvin will be a place that both college students and families can frequent.

“There will definitely be a dress code,” he said. “I want families to be able to come in the afternoon, but also be open late at night without having to worry about the biker crowd or those individuals who are more inclined to violence than the average college set.”

Further restrictions will be in place to ensure that a professional atmosphere is maintained. After 9 p.m., patrons will either have to be 21 or enter with a parent. In addition, the only entrance to the billiard section

will be through the main entrance to Hard Times Cafe.

While there may not be food or drink discounts, Melvin plans to make his pool hall comparable in price to other area establishments.

“I’d like to use a computer system to track regular players, and maybe come up with a kind of bonus system where after a certain number of hours, players get a free game,” Melvin said. “I see my prices as being lower than Shooters or the Shark Club, but the most expensive times are still going to be Saturday nights.”

While Hard Times is known for its chili and wings, the complete menu includes items ranging from onion rings and chili fries to old-fashioned cheeseburgers.

The current Happy Hour deals will remain, and carry over to the billiards room. From 4 to 7 p.m., patrons will be able to enjoy discounted drafts and pitchers, and half-price wings and onion rings.

Sophomore Greg Peterson thinks the expansion is a good idea because it will give the town another pool hall that is cheaper and has better food.

“That’s great—Shooters costs an arm and a leg. Plus, I love the food at Hard Times, so that’s an added extra,” Peterson said.

“That Hogan, his roommate, agrees that another less expensive place to play pool and drink in town will provide a lot of fun for college students.

“Even if there aren’t drink deals, if the pool hall is reasonably priced, I’ll be there,” Hogan said. “It’ll be nice to order from the full menu, too. The food there is great.”

Senior John Ranapana is thrilled with the expansion, but is upset it did not happen before his last semester.

“This is awesome,” Ranapana said. “There’s nothing better than playing pool and having a few cold ones with your friends. My only regret is that this is happening as I’m about to graduate. Why can’t more cool stuff like this happen?”



Juliette Gomez/Bullet

Hard Times Cafe, located on Route 1, will be adding billiards to its repertoire in mid-March, but will keep happy hour specials and the same menu.

How Did You Celebrate Your Snow Day Last Week?

Photos and interviews by Juliette Gomez



"I shopped for bathing suits."



"I got an ugly bruise sledding by the library."



"Played ultimate indoor hockey in the dungeon of Westmoreland."



"Chilled in 70 degree weather in New Orleans."



"Drank a lot and played rugby with girls."

Misaku Bohlin, freshman

Sarah Geddis, freshman

John Ramira, junior

Christina Meluzio, junior

Sean Walsh, junior

Artist Leaves The Viewer To Draw Conclusions

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also said he was always puzzled by the indifferent expression on Jesus' face which he felt did not reflect the suffering that was conveyed by the crown of thorns around the heart.

He also talked about the melding of images of Christ with images of Buddha, which he does in two of the works on display. One piece in the exhibit has an image of Jesus surrounded by outline drawings of Buddha, and another has the head of Buddha on Christ's body.

"I'm using images from different cultures that represent spiritual ideas," Griffin said.

The artist said that if he did more of these pieces, he would portray more religious figures, so that it could be interpreted that all of these figures were preaching the same message. He cautioned, though, that he wants his art to be more about what others get out of it rather than what he means by it.

In another painting, there is a bright blue oval over Jesus' eyes, which Griffin had been working with in abstract pieces. Griffin said that covering a person's eyes makes him or her harder to identify. Although it is obvious that the person in the work is Jesus, Griffin wanted to make

him less identifiable. Some people asked him if he was making statements about Jesus being blind, and Griffin said that this was not his intention, although he said that he enjoyed hearing other people's interpretations.

"It was a nice shape to put over the eyes visually," he said. "But the meaning can be taken several ways."

The owners and some employees of Bistro 309 choose local artists to be exhibited. Sometimes they find the artists themselves, while other times artists approach them. According to Comfort, some of the staff are former students of Griffin, who is also a regular patron of the restaurant. The staff try to vary the types of artwork displayed in the restaurant. Griffin's art uses mixed media, but Bistro 309 recently displayed exhibits of charcoal, watercolor and acrylic work.

"We try to keep [the artwork] different, so we get a fresh look," Comfort said.

Erica Peterson, an employee at Bistro 309 who graduated from the college in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in art, is a former student of Griffin's and has been friends with him for about 10 years. An artist herself, Peterson does mostly photography, and worked the dinner and reception.

"It's nice to see a whole show of his work," she said.

Senior Nathaniel Haas, a Bistro 309 employee who also worked the dinner, said that the detail of the artwork that struck him the most. He admired Griffin's creativity, which included painting over a piano roll in one of the works.

"Some people might get turned off because there are a lot of pictures of Jesus," Haas said. "But when you see it, it's really good."

One of the Bistro 309 chefs, Dave Harris, who graduated from Mary Washington College in 1993 with a degree in art, also admires Griffin's work. He commented on Griffin's use of iconography, which is the use of images and symbols to convey philosophies or ideas. Harris said that he has never seen religious iconography among Griffin's work—Griffin usually does abstract art.

"This is a very distinct portfolio for Steve," Harris said. "It's a real treat to have it."

Comfort said that Griffin's religious art is appropriate for this time of year, since it falls in line with the beginning of Lent and Easter.

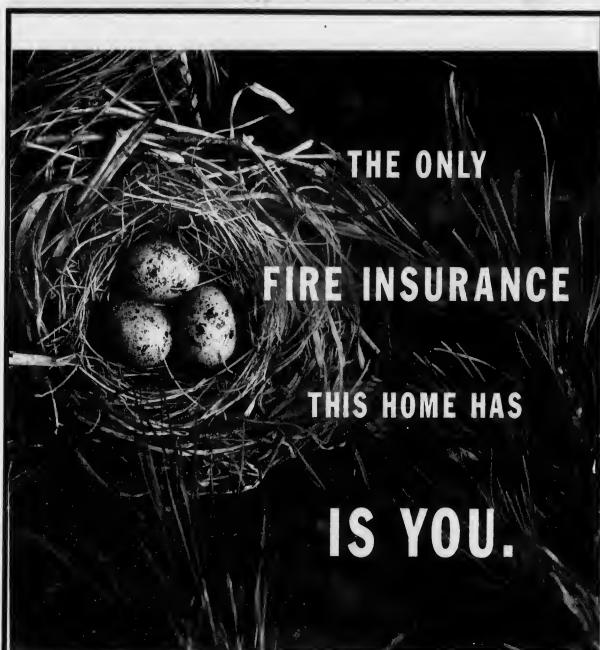
"[Griffin's art] makes me think, and I think that's primarily the goal of artists," Comfort said.

Bistro 309 opens at 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The exhibit is open to anyone at any time who calls ahead.



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One of Griffin's pieces now on display at Bistro 309. The exhibit open to anyone who calls ahead.



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All first time participants must attend one of the birth control education classes presented by the Human Sexuality Peer Health Educators before making an appointment with the Health Center. These classes are held on Mondays at 4 p.m. For more information about these classes, please contact Allison at x4246.

The Birth Control Clinic is held each Tuesday morning from 9 to 11:30 am. Students are seen by appointment only. A non-refundable fee of \$45, which covers the exam and three months of oral contraceptives, must be paid when the appointment is made. Call the Health Center at x1040 to make an appointment.



Crossword

By Ed Canty
Crossword 101

"Legal-Ease"

ACROSS
1 Proofread
5 Venetian's code/defendant
10 St. Patrick's recess
14 Med. school grads
15 Baltimore specialty
16 Asian country/Var.
17 *Derriére's* right
19 Own's test
20 Centennial parts
21 Unoccupied
22 School furniture
23 Hastened
24 Electronic component
26 Rankles
29 Precedes time or estate
30 Ch. time
33 Afflicted
34 Switzerland's DC?
35 Nuke's org.
36 Brewer's need
37 Nuke's weapon defense
38 It weighs...heavy
39 Nice summer
40 Ms. Montessori
42 Dash
43 Droop
44 Old
45 Terriers
46 Summed
48 Musical group
49...ple
51 Penn.
52 Drive
55 Pavarotti rendition
56 Law students' practice sessions
59 Menial worker
60 Lesser
61 Melee
62 Lucid
63 Shankar's instrument
64 Zich

DOWN
1 Mary Baker
2 Gloomy



3 Clinches a game! Slang

4 Child's meat

5 Darrow's 1925 client

6 Rounded

7 French city

8 Dan Rather's home

9 Former CIA

10 Pointed

11 The D.A.

12 Polio vaccine developer

13 Supplements with difficulty

18 Lassoed

22 Chaperone's toe

23 Remain as is

24 Skin Prefix

25 007's creator

26 Monopoly et al

27 Lasso

28 If Down's claim

29 Make second offer

31 Golf club

32 Shades

34 Exposed

38 Comes before rain or test

40 Constructed

41 Shows ice or information

42 Domingo

45 Malignant growth

47 Newcastle Sawyer

48 Colorful fish

49 Upper limits

50 Fertilizer ingredient

51 Cover with paint

52 Chaperone's civic group

53 English School

54 Italian noble family

55 Some parents

57 Japanese sash

58 Vase

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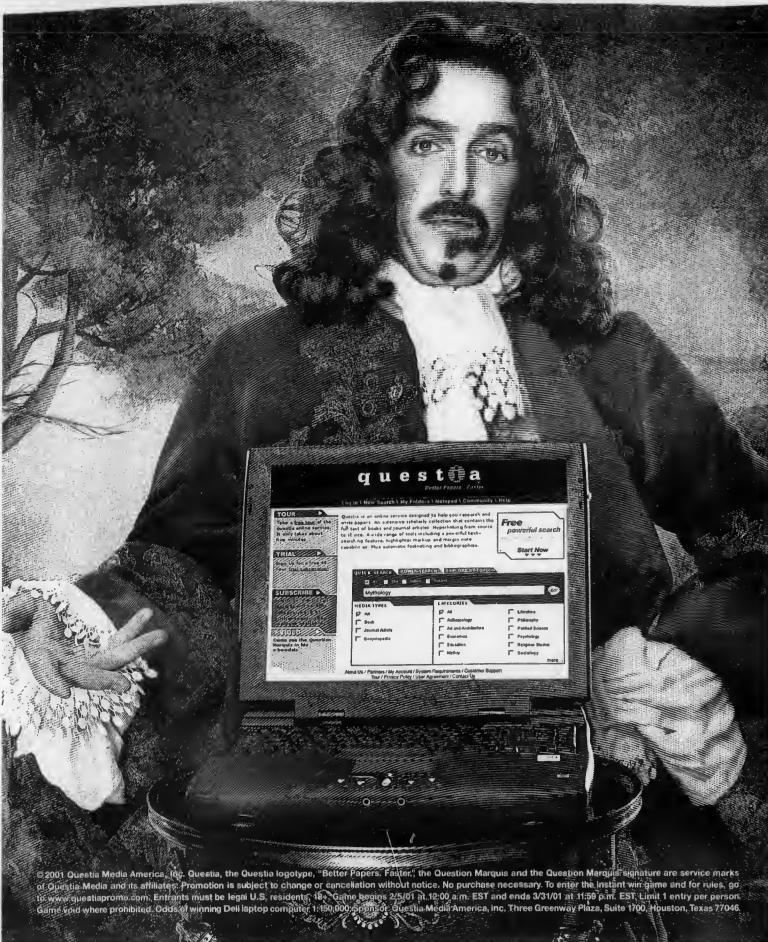
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The Bullet Online Poll

Should fetal pig dissection be mandatory for introductory biology courses?



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Dangers Of Uranium Unearthed

► MILITARY, page 3

by depleted uranium was ridiculed or ignored. Only courageous journalists like John Pilger covered the story.

The U.S. military will surely feign ignorance, but they know the effects of radiation.

They know about the atomic veterans who were forced to walk across ground zero after nuclear explosions, the down-winds in Utah and the powerless people like prisoners and retarded children who were injected with plutonium.

It is true that depleted uranium, or U-238, is not as radioactive as U-235, but the U-238 in warheads vaporizes on striking a target and radioactive particles blow for miles with the wind.

If inhaled or ingested, the radiation over the entire body may be negligible, but in the immediate vicinity of the particle, radiation is intense and alpha particles are emitted. Alpha particles, two protons and two neutrons, are bulky particles and can easily cause genetic damage.

I'm positive that Pentagon scientists will claim U-238 is harmless, but remember how tobacco scientists maintained for years that smoking was harmless. Some scientists will prostitute themselves for money or status. Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright wants Slobodan Milošević indicted as a war criminal. This is hypocrisy taken to a very nauseating level.

It is people like Albright, former Defense Secretary William Cohen, President Clinton, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and President Bush who should be brought before an international court for war crimes!

Gary Sudborough
Belflower, Calif.

While President, Reagan Did Nothing For Alzheimer's

► RESPONSE, page 3

Although Reagan was one of the oldest presidents to be sworn into office, his domestic policies failed to increase benefits for the elderly. There were no initiatives to increase services under Medicare or provide prescription drug coverage for the elderly.

What is interesting is that the National Institutes of Health funding for Alzheimer's disease, which afflicts President Reagan, was \$12 million in 1981, and was increased to only \$76 million in 1988, the last full year of his term in office. Compare that with the budget in the next four years. In 1989, \$104 million was spent on Alzheimer's research and the funding was increased to

\$276 million in 1992. It is tragic that a president who now suffers from this disease did not have the commitment or compassion to develop a public policy that would have supported funding research that would reduce the debilitating effects of this disease.

There is no question that President Reagan was a wonderful showman and had tremendous stage presence. However, we should not let these qualities blind us to objectively assessing the Reagan presidency for what it was.

Denis Nissim-Sabat is a professor of psychology.

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Shim Wins SGA Presidential Race; Seven Positions Go Unopposed

▲ **SGA**, page 1

to work with the students because that is what I love to do," she said.

Junior Janna Covert, who came in third in the presidential race with 163 votes, declined to comment.

Sophomore Amanda Tillman, co-chair of the SGA Senate rules and procedures committee, which is responsible for running the election, said she felt the student body was not familiar enough with the candidates' stances to make informed decisions.

She said only 17 students turned out for the Voter Information Night on Wednesday, Feb. 21 in Lee Hall Ballroom, when candidates addressed questions concerning campus issues.

Current SGA President Kelly Turcic said she was disappointed that a small percentage of students voted in the election.

"It's discouraging that less than 25 percent of the student body voted. I wish people would care more about the student government," Turcic, a senior, said.

Sophomore Matt White feels that for the average student, student government does not matter and that they are not an accessible organization to most students.

"I think that overall on this campus many people are just ambivalent to SGA matters and that it doesn't make much of a difference to them," White said.

Senior Rachel Sykes, co-chair of the rules and procedures committee, said she thinks the reason for the lack of student interest in the elections is students' perception that the SGA is ineffective.

"Contrary to popular belief, we do work very hard for the student body," she said.

In the election for SGA vice president, sophomore Meredith Johnston won with 534 votes to freshman opponent Katherine Stangler's 311 votes.

Johnston said she is looking forward to putting the new SGA constitution to work next year. The revisions to the constitution, authored last semester, passed with 573 out of 638 students voting in favor of the changes.

The other seven positions were

Freshman
Nancy
Nguyen
casts her
vote in the
SGA
election in
the
Woodard
Campus
Center
Wednesday.
A total of
866 votes
were cast,
and seven of
the positions
had only
one person
running.



Ryan Hamm/Bullet

Senior Aids Accident Victims

▲ **HOSPITAL**, page 1

Coast history. In Massaponax, 50 vehicles were wrecked, and a pileup in Falmouth involved 30 vehicles.

Most people are blaming the accidents on a sudden snowstorm, which created a whiteout and slippery road conditions.

Many accident victims were transported to Mary Washington Hospital, where doctors were forced to treat some of them in the waiting room and hallways.

"It was hard to push a patient through the ER on a bed because there were so many people," Brown said, adding that even the hospital CEO was on hand to keep things under control.

Brown, who has worked in the emergency room for a year and a half, said he helped the doctors and nurses clean wounds, prepare splints and comfort anxious patients.

One victim, whose car smashed into a tractor-

trailer, was near death when he was transported to the hospital, Brown said. He saw another patient whose femur had pierced through the skin of his leg.

Passengers on a Greyhound bus caught in one of the wrecks were brought to the hospital, according to Brown. Families of accident victims were herded into the cafeteria, where doctors reported periodically on patients' conditions.

People with life-threatening injuries are usually flown to the trauma center at Fairfax Inova Hospital, but the helicopters couldn't fly in the dangerous weather conditions.

Brown said Mary Washington Hospital saw more serious cases than usual as a result.

Brown said things had calmed down in the emergency room when his shift ended at 7 p.m. He said the excitement of the day strengthened his desire to become a doctor.

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